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Annual Town Meeting March 4th 1895

Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fourth day of March next at 7-30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2nd

To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year A Treasurer for one year, A Tax Collector for one year One Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, One member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year and one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for two years one Assessor for one year.

And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question. "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The votes for all of the above Officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify

the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.
The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 8 o'clock, A. M. and may be closed at one o'clock, P. M or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.
Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3rd.

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committee's, and act thereon.

Art 4th.

To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriation's of the same and act thereon.

Art 5th

To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury. and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6th

To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 7th

To see what compensation will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year. and act thereon

Art 8th

To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. or act thereon.

Art 9th.
To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.
Art 10th
To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.
Art 11th
To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use
Art 12th
To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon,
Art 13th.
To see if the Town will relinquish any portion of the legacy under the will of Charles Putnam, for the preservation and care of a lot in the Cemetery in North Grafton, or act thereon,
Art 14th
To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to contract with the Grafton Electric Co for 33 additional Electric Street lights of 25 candle power each, or act thereon,
Art 15th
To see if the Town authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to complete the grading of the "Daniels addition" fence the same and otherwise improve the grounds, and make appropriation for the same, and act thereon,
Art 16th
To see if the Town will appoint an agent to bring suit, or defend any suit that may be brought against the Town, or act thereon,

Art 17th.
To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to more and repair the Engine House at North Grafton, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this 21st day of February (1895) in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five

F E Cuckins
H E Brooks
J N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Oliver M Wing
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS. February 25th 1895.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Monday the twenty fifth day February current at 45 m past 4 A M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed. James Carey Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 4th 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said Town this day at seven-thirty (7-30) o'clock A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting, and return. The Clerk appointed Joseph A. Dodge and Daniel N. Gibbs to act as tellers to receive and count the votes for Moderator, and the oath was administered by him.

Art 1st taken up.

A Ballot was taken with the following result Moderator whole number of votes Seven (7) Lozman M. Rice had Seven (7) and was declared Elected and took the chair.

Joseph A. Dodge Republican and Clarence N Putnam Democrat having been appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen they were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Moderator.

A package of ballots (containing thirteen hundred Officers and fifty one Steps) was delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

Specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted in the voting Stalls and around the Hall as required by law.

The Ballot Box was opened and examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and publicly shown to be empty it was then locked and the key given to the Constable in charge.

The Register in front of the box standing at 0000

Daniel N. Gibbs Republican and McCrery Prout Democrat were appointed tellers in charge of the check list at the Polls and were sworn by the Moderator.

Art 2nd The Polls were declared open at Eight o'clock A.M.

On motion of E. A. Howe it was voted, That this

meeting adjurn immediately after the vote for Town Officers is declared and sealed up to Half past One o'clock, Saturday afternoon of this week, and and all other town business be postponed to that time.

When it is adjourned

Polls closed

On Motion of E A Howe it was voted that the polls be closed at four o'clock P.M.

Tellers sworn

Peter M. J. Prout Dem was sworn as teller and took the place of M Henry Prout (resigned) at the check list Charles W. Campbell. Samuel H Redding, Oliver M Wing and William H. Smith Republicans and George F. Estabrook. William E Donovan, William Storrie Jr and Perley Goddard Democrats were appointed tellers and Sworn by the Moderator.

By unanimous consent the Ballot box was opened at One Oclock and thirteen minute P.M. the Register standing Three hundred and fifty six. and the ballots were counted in a loud voice Three hundred and fifty five ballots removed being one less than the Register on the box.

At four o'clock P.M. the Polls were declared closed the Register on the box standing at five hundred and seventeen.

The names checked on the Original & Duplicate check lists were counted in a loud voice and five hundred and sixteen names were found checked. Then the box was opened and One hundred and sixty ballots removed making Five hundred and sixteen votes cast and taken from the box being the same number as the checks upon the lists.

The following is the result of the ballot. as declared after the ballots had been counted and Record made

For Town Clerk

Whole number of ballots Five hundred sixteen (516)

Edwin A Howe had four hundred and one (401)

Blanks one hundred fifteen (115) ...

Town Clerk Edwin A Cowe declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by the Moderator
the above vote was declared by the Moderator.
The result of the vote for the remaining Town Officers was declared by the Town Clerk, to wit:

For Selectmen.

Whole number of ballots 2580
Henry E Brooks had two hundred ninety-five (295)
William E. Fowler " two hundred nineteen (219)
Amos G Getchell " two hundred thirty-three (233)
Francis E. Huckins " three hundred six (306)
Harrington L. Nichols " two hundred seventy-six (276)
David E Sherin " one hundred fifty (150)
Clarence Sumner " two hundred ninety-two (292)
Thomas Wilmarth " two hundred seventy two (272)
Blank five hundred thirty-seven. (537)
And Henry E Brooks, Sworn by the Moderator in open Meeting
Selectmen Francis E Huckins " " " " " " "
Harrington L. Nichols " " " " " "
Clarence Sumner and " " " " "
Thomas Wilmarth " " Town Clerk March 4th.
were declared elected

For Treasurer.

Whole number of ballots 516
Henry F Wing had four hundred nineteen (419)
Blank ninety seven (97)
Treasurer Henry F Wing declared elected

For Assessor for three years

Whole number of ballots 516
Joseph A Dodge had four hundred twelve (412)
Blank one hundred four 104
Assessor Joseph A Dodge declared elected
3 years Sworn March 4th by the Town Clerk

Assessor for two year

Whole number of ballots 516
John A. Sweetser had three hundred thirty nine (339)
Blanks one hundred four (104)
John A Sweetser declared elected and
sworn March 6th 95 by Town Clerk.

For Assessor for one year.

Whole number of ballots 516
Lyman M Rice had two hundred fifty eight (258).
Silas E Howe, " one hundred sixty two (162)
Blanks ninety six
Lyman M Rice declared elected
sworn by Town Clerk March 4th - 95

Tax Collector

Whole number of ballots (516).
Edwin A Howe had four hundred thirty (430)
Blanks Eighty six 86
Edwin A Howe declared elected by the moderator
sworn in open Town meeting by the Moderator

For Overseer of the Poor for three year.

Whole number of ballots 516
Erastus Adams had two hundred forty five (245)
Francis E. Huckins " one hundred eighty four (184)
Blanks Eighty seven (87)
Erastus Adams declared elected.

For School Committee for three years

Whole number of ballots (516)
D. Webster Norcross had three hundred fifty eight (354)
W E Fowler " one (1)
F. H. Clapp " three (3)
Blanks one hundred fifty four (154)
D. Webster Norcross declared elected

For Common Committee for 3 years

Whole number of ballots 516
Henry F. Wing had three hundred eighty-eight (388)
Blanks one hundred twenty-eight (128)
Common Committee Henry F Wing declared elected.

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, for five years

Whole number of ballots 516
George W Fisher had three hundred sixty-eight (368)
Blanks one hundred forty-eight (148)
Riverside Trustee George W. Fisher declared elected,

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, for five years

Whole number of ballots 516
Elisha D. Holbrook had three hundred sixty-eight (368)
Blanks one hundred seventy-eight (178)
Pine Grove Trustee Elisha D. Holbrook, declared elected

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery, for five years

Whole number of ballots 516
Albert L. Fisher had three hundred sixty (360)
Blanks one hundred fifty-six
Fairview Trustee Albert L. Fisher declared elected,

For Town House Committee for three years

Whole number of ballots 516
Henry F Wing had three hundred seventy-three (373)
Blanks one hundred forty-three (143)
Town House Com. Henry F Wing declared elected,

For Auditor

Whole number ballots 516
Frank H Clapp had two hundred thirty-nine (239)
Andrew J Hall " two hundred sixty (260)
Charles A Lovejoy " two hundred five (205)
Thomas J. Ryan " one hundred twenty-one (121)
Arthur A Simmons " two hundred eighty-five (285)
Blanks four hundred thirty-eight (438)

Auditor Frank H. Clapp sworn March 19th 95 by Town Clerk.
Andrew J Hall
Arthur A Simmons
declared elected.

For Constable, Whole number of ballots 412 28

James Carney had three hundred fifty four (354)
William A Getchell " two hundred fifty (250)
Amos G. Getchell " two hundred ninety seven (297)
James Harding " two hundred eighteen (218)
John Holden " one hundred eighty three (183)
Alexander Jefferson " two hundred seventy (270)
Henry Mann " two hundred eighty-two (282)
Charles H Mason " one hundred twenty three (123)
William H Miles " two hundred two (202)
Addington A Smith " two hundred fifty-two (252)
William P. Spencer " two hundred eighty-two (282)
Blanks fourteen hundred fifteen (1415)

Constables and James Carney Sworn in open Town meeting by Moderator
William A Getchell " " " " " "
Amos G. Getchell " " " " " "
James Harding " by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace
Alexander Jefferson Sworn in March 6th by Thos Wilmarth Justice of the Peace
Henry Mann Sworn in open Town meeting by Moderator
Addington A Smith
William P. Spencer Sworn by Town Clerk March 6th 95
declared elected

Vote on License of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors,

Yes had two hundred fifty two 252.
Licenses No " One hundred ninety seven 197
Blanks sixty seven
Whole number of ballots was 516.

The ballots and check lists were sealed up in seperate packages and record made of the result of the ballot.
The meeting was then adjourned until Saturday March 9th at 1-30 Oclock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 9th 1895.
Pursuant to adjournment March 4th the legal voters met in the Town Hall at One Oclock P.M. and thirty minutes in the afternoon.
The meeting was called to order by Lyman M Rice Moderator and the following proceedings was had

By general consent the reading of the record of the last meeting was dispenced with.

The following remarks and motion was made by Arthur A. Simmons.
"Mr. Moderator,

Remarks of A. A. Simmons upon the death of Henry T. Wing

Since the hour this meeting adjourned on Monday evening last, a dreadful tragedy has fallen among us. Our honored and faithful Town-treasurer, Henry T. Wing has passed into that silence which must ever remain unbroken.
In those dark and fearful days of the spring of 1861, when the news came to the Town of Grafton that our brave boys were attacked by a mob in the streets of Baltimore and a town meeting was hastily called to consider the needs of our country and what Grafton could do to help in supplying those needs, our friend who is this day buried out of our sight, was present, and from that hour until the hour of his death he never

ceased to respond to the calls of patriotic duty and to minister in every way in his power to the needs and interests of the soldier. Not many days since, he told me, that he had not once missed being present when prayer was offered on our common upon memorial day.

How many of us remember his cheerful response to all calls for service in writing pension and other papers for our veterans. Mr Wing, in the course of his life, has filled almost all our various town offices: he has represented us in the general court: has, for a dozen years, faithfully filled the office of treasurer and for almost 40 years been connected with our financial institutions. And Sir: his history, in all these places of trust and of responsibility from the day the trusts were assumed until the day of his death, has been a perfectly honorable history. In the relation of friend what can I say that all the hearts here present have not already said to themselves over and over again. Our Brothers heart and purse and personal service were all, ever at the call of any in need.

How many of us have in the years gone by, called on him for advice, especially in the settlement of estates. Many of us unable to pay for advice from a city attorney. We remember his kindly and instant response - "have no anxiety I will arrange it for you and it shall not cost you anything" Sir: our hearts are to full of grief and pain to engage in the transaction of the business for which this meeting adjourned last Monday night. Our friend and Brother has gone from us and we cannot at once turn from his open grave to business, and it seems to me fitting that this town meeting

should in some way recognize this solemn occasion. These brief remarks, Sir, are without preparation and may seem disconnected as doubtless they are, but Sir, they are the thoughts of my heart as I stand here upon this occasion and they cry out for utterance. Now Sir, I move that out of respect to the memory of our Brother who has gone, out of respect to his patriotism, his long and faithful service both as a Town officer and in charge of our financial institutions, his kindly interest in all our citizens, and his noble, unselfish and honorable life, this meeting be now adjourned until the 16th day of March next at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Upon suggestion of Sanford L. Balchelor the vote be taken by rising, with heads bowed, and the vote was passed in the affirmative and was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 16th 1895.

The legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall this sixteenth day of March 1895 as per adjournment from March 9th, at 1-30 o'clock P. M. and transacted the following business, viz:

The meeting was called to order by Seyman M. Rice Moderator.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was passed over.

Art 2nd was taken up.

Voted to chose by nomination three fence viewers and chose David L. Fiske.

Fence Viewers

Perley Goddard Sworn by moderator to open meeting

D Webster Norcross Sworn by Moderator to open meeting

Chose by nomination John E. Sheridan and Alexander Dupuy Field drivers.
On Motion of E. H. Howe it was voted that all remaining Town officers be appointed by the Selectmen,
Art. 32nd taken up.
Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed which is as follows

Selectmen's Report.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton:-

Your Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending February 1st. 1896; They have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer which have been paid by him, as per his report in payment of the following bills against the Town, to wit;

Town Officers' Salaries.

Town Clerk

Edwin H. Howe		75
Appropriation $75.00		

Treasurer.

Henry F. Wing		100
Appropriation $100.00		

Selectmen.

Francis E. Huckins		
Henry E. Brooks		
Thomas Wilmarth		
Daniel N. Gibbs	300	
Oliver M. Wing and		
Edwin H. Howe financial clerk		

Assessors.

Luther K. Leland	95	
Silas E. Howe	95	
Arthur M. Bigelow	95	
	285	

Selectmen's Rep. cont'd.

Overseers of Poor.

Henry L. Bamsler	125	
Silas Vinton	25	
Erastus Adams	40	
	190	

Registrars of Voters

Benjamin F. Gibson
Charles M. Batchelder
Frank M. Elliot
Town Clerk

	100	

Tax Collector.

Edwin A. Howe	446	47

Constables & Police Officers

Amos G. Getchell	21	50
James Carney	19	50
Alfred E. Loobell	19	
Henry Mann	10	50
Alexander Jefferson	10	
William H. Miles	9	
William P. Spencer	6	50
James Harding	5	
Fred H. Richardson	5	
John Holden	5	
Edward De Cisey	5	
Edward V. Hitchings	3	75
	119	75

Jurors

Benjamin F. Gibson	128	50
Amos G. Getchell	134	50
J. Frank Donahue	66	50
	329	50

Registering births marriages and deaths	89	30
Appropriation $2000.00		1939 92
Unexpended 60.08		

Selectmens Rep't - cont'd

School Committee

Francis M'Garry		$ 77 50
J. Webster Norcross		82 50
Warren B. Maxwell		67 50
Appropriation	$ 300,00	$ 227 50
Unexpended	72,50	

Superintendent of Schools

Stanley C Holmes		$ 1286 95
Appropriation	$ 750,00	
From State	487,50	
	$ 1237,50	
Over draft	49,45	

Schools

	Appropriated	Expended	
High School teachers	$ 2100,00	$ 2292 19	
Common " "	8830,00	8881 97	
Fuel & Janitors	1400,00	1558 62	
Books & Supplies	900,00	908 51	
Repairs and fixtures	900,00	1163 57	
Miscellaneous		248 47	
Conveyance of pupils	270,00	452 00	
Rec'd from the State	243,44		
" " " " by Reason of having Superintendent of Schools	325,00		
Interest on Town Bond	60,00		
	$ 15028,44		$ 15505 51

Books and Supplies (Old bills) $ 448 50

Appropriation $ 448,50

Support of Poor.

Selectmen's Orders		$ 7240 66
Appropriation	$ 5500,00	
Received from farm	1881,84	
" from Town & State	312,22	
Due " " "	310 00	
	$ 8014,06	
Decrease of inventory	204,07	
	$ 7809,99	
Unexpended balance	$ 668,33	

Fire Department

Alden M. Bigelow, Chief $1497.87

Appropriation $1200.00

" for new hose 240.00

$1440.00

Over draft $57.87

Hydrant Rental

Grafton Water Co $2500.00

Appropriation $2500.00

Memorial Day

A. B. R. Sprague Post 24 G.A.R. $100.00

Appropriation $100.00

Common

Committee on Common $100.00

Appropriation $100.00

Town House &c

$1039.82

Committee, running expenses,

Income from Town House $750.00

" less than expenses $289.82

Street Light - Center

E. S. Clark $230.48

Oil Glass, &c, 67.05 $297.53

Appropriation $300.00

Unexpended $2.47

Free Public Library

Paid Henry F. Wing, Treas. $901.56

Appropriation $1751.00

" Dog fund 601.56

" Delivery to Villages 125.00

$901.56

Highways.

Paid John E. McClellan,
Appropriation March $300.00
" Oct 5th 100.00
400.00 400.00

Snow Bills

Paid John E. McClellan, 1000
Appropriation $1000.00

Sidewalks

Paid John E McClellan 1031 68
Appropriation whole Town $300.00
" No Part of " 300.00
" So " " " 360.00
Betterments 147.00
$1047.00
Unexpended $15.32

Soldiers Aid

Amount expended 51 40
Appropriation $100.00
Unexpended balance $49.60

Trustees Riverside Cemetery.

Paid Joseph A. Dodge 600 00
Appropriation $600.00

Road at Saundersville

Paid John E. McClellan 100
Appropriation 100

Creeper Bridge

Paid John E McClellan 129 15
Appropriation $100.00
Over draft 29.15

Brigham Hill Road

Paid John E. McClellan 500.00
Appropriation $500.00

Miscellaneous

Election officers March 5th	32	50
William H. Miles, forest fire, March 23rd	3	60
Thomas Welmouth, pair hand-cuffs	3	
Gilbert G Davis, printing Reports ballots & co	203	
Henry M. Rigg, express	3	15
A.J. Kirby, dinner for election officers Mar 5th	5	50
Arthur M Bigelow, Assessor's book	6	14
Edward Beauregard, putting up Shutters Mar 5th-Nov 6	4	75
William H Miles painting monument fence	3	
Samuel Farwell, watering trough	10	
E A Howe, Liquor & dog licence blanks	1	55
Express & postage	5	40
Collectors book	3	25
Posting voting lists	1	50
Expenses printing town Reports and ballots	6	50
E A Howe Town Clerks expense to Westboro	1	50
Chairs and Desk for Selectmen's Room	51	
Mrs. D. B Allen, Chloride		90
A.J. Ford, mowing old Cemetery, Farnumsville	4	
A S Getchell, forest fire Apr. 25th. May 13th.	17	90
Geo Harness team for County Commissioners	1	
Dr F. H. Clapp, vaccinating schollars	37	
C. B. Wood, printing Poll tax list	36	
A.D. Slone printing	6	50
Cornelius Devlin, damages	10	
Samuel Wilde, mowing old cemetery	20	
H M Weeks, blanks	13	
A D Slone printing	2	15
" "	7	
A J Kirby, meals for election officers Nov 6	11	
Perley Goddard, watering trough	51	
Election Officers Nov 6, 1894	42	50

Cook & Son printing	12			
Mrs J. C Reeby, watering troughs	5			
Postage express, and sundries	24	55		
Perley Goddard, inspector of Animals & poorreins	69	95		
James Carney posting warrants	15			
Albert L. Fisher, forest fire	2			
Physicians' Returns of births	27	25		
E. A Coue, indexing Old marriage Records	20	—		
E. A Coue, error in Collectors Rept. Tax 1892	15	20	256	84
			41429	89

Appropriation $10000
Unexpended 243,16.

Receipts

Cash on hand as per report	408	94		
Borrowed on notes.	13500	00		
From all other sources,	59460	48	33369	42

Expended.

Selectmens orders,	41429	89		
Town notes paid.	19500	00		
Town bonds	1500			
All other payments;	10671	53		
Cash on hand. Feb 21. 1895;	267	28	33369	42

Financial Statement Feb 1st 1895.

Bonds issued 1889	6750	00		
Notes to Grafton Savings Bank	5500	00	7300	—

Available Assets.

Cash in hands of treasurer	267	68		
" " " " Overseers of Poor	30	00		
" " " " Collector of Taxes	28	77		
" " " " Chief Engineer	55	40		
Uncollected taxes 1893	205	18		
" " " 1894	2153	93		
Personal property (Com. Farm)	41	41	48	

forward

Due from State Military Aid	464	50		
" " other town for support of poor	310			
Sidewalk assessment 1893	109	50		
" " 1894	69		8101	04
Debt less available assets			64898	96
Net debt, February 1st 1894	69967	04		
" " " 1st 1895	64898	96		
Decrease of debt			5068	08
Special appropriation to be raised by taxation in 1895	1000	00		
Amount expended	1000	00		

Unavailable Assets

3 fire engines and fixtures	500			
1 hose carriage	300			
3 Engine houses	3000			
1 Hook & Ladder carriage	200			
1 Tramp house	125	—		
1 Lock up	200			
2 Hearse houses	300			
1 Hearse	50			
11 School houses	25000			
Furniture of Town hall and offices	850			
Free Public Library	5000			
Town farm and buildings	9000			
Town house	2500			
Books apparatus & Supplies High & Common Schools	4086	95	73811	95

Appropriations

1894		Recommend 1895
1500 00	Town Bonds 16-17-18	1500
3000 00	Interest on Town debt	3000
2100 00	High School	2400
8830 00	Common Schools	8300
1400 00	Fuel & Janitors	1550
900 00	Books & Supplies	900

900	00	Repairs and fixtures	1300
270	00	Conveyance of pupils	630
		Miscellaneous for Schools	250
1200	00	Fire department	1300
3000		Highways	4000
1000			
1751		Free Public Library	Dog fund.
5560		Support of poor	5560
100		Memorial Day	100
100		Common	100
75		Town Clerks Salary	75
100		" Treasurer	100
50		Delivering books to North Grafton	50
25		" " " Farnumville	25
25		" " " Fisherville	25
25		" " " Saundersville	25
2500		Grafton Water Co hydrant Rental	2500
300		Street lights at Centre	
		Sidewalk " "	200
300		" " North part	200
300		" " South "	200
300		" whole town	
		Grafton Electric Co street lights	2000
2000		Town Officers (except Clerk, Treasurer + School Committee)	2000
300		School Committee	250
750		Superintendent of Schools	~~850~~
200		State Aid	200
		Prosecution of liquor cases	300
100		Soldiers Aid Chap 298. Acts 1889	100
240		New hose for fire department	240
1000		Snow bills	1000
500		Brigham Hill road	
100		Creeper bridge	
100		Way at Saundersville	
600		Grading at Riverside Cemetery	
448	50	Old bills of School Committee	
1000		Miscellaneous	1500
41313	50		42330

The following is a list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town.

List of jurors.

Adams, Eraelus.
Adams, Joseph.
Aylett, Cyrus R.
Bancroft, Henry L.
Barber, Albert.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Batchelor, Sanford L.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown, John A. Summerhill's inlet
Casey, Maurice J.
Chamberlin, Edward F.
Chickering, Jonas H.
Corey, Daniel
Crowe, Patrick H.
Davenport, Stearns L.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Donovan, William E.
Elliot, Aaron
Eden, Charles D.
Fay, George A.
Fisk, David L.
Getchell, William A.
Gibbs, Daniel N.
Goddard, Charles
Goddard, Joseph D.
Goddard, Edwin P.
Gurney, Abram E.
Hale, Samuel B. Jr
Hall, Henry
Hall, E. Clifford
Howe, Edwin A.
Huckins, Francis E.
Huckins, George H.
Jourdan, Carrick P.
Keith, John F.
Kelly, James C.
Kirby, Alfred J.
Knight, Willard P.
Knowlton, Samuel B.
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Longee, George F.
Lowell, Alfred E.
Lynch, Thomas.
Mann, Henry
Manning, Thomas J.
Merchant, William A.
Pratt, Charles L.
Pratt, Clarence L.
Putnam, Clarence N.
Putnam, Edwin C.
Rice, Ashley W.
Rice, Lyman M.
Rogers, Stephen S.
Sargent, Lucius M.
Sinclair, E. Herbert
Sherin, David E.
Sherry, William
Smith, Charles A.
Smith, Addington A.
Smith, Walter E.
Stockbridge, Lemuel C.
Storer, William Jr
Sumner, Clarence
Sweeney, Samuel E.
Sweeter, John A.
Thurber, Edward C.
Warren, Horace L.
Wheeler, William H.
Wilmarth, Thomas.
Whitney, John A.
Wood, C. Edward.

Jurors drawn

Daniel S Chase
Pratt, Michael H.
Holroyd, William
Howe, Lewis A.
Brown, William H.
Worcester, Franklin

Respectfully submitted Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Elias M Wing
Selectmen of Groton

Examined and found correct
Harrington & Nichols
C A Lawrence
Auditor

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report. Votes to accept as printed

Henry F. Wing, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Grafton.

Dr.

To cash from last report.		408	94
" Town House Committee			
" Rents of Town House		750	
Amount from Taxes			
From E. A. Hart, Collector		44,647	48
Amount Borrowed on Town notes.			
From Grafton Saving Bank.		13500	
" Overseers of Poor.		2204	12
Deposited for permanent care of Cemetery Lot.			
Mrs Josiah Smith		40	
Amount from Commonwealth as follows			
Corporation tax	1104 50		
National Bank Tax	573 31		
Military Aid. Chap. 279. Acts 1889.	84		
State Aid. Chap. 304. Acts 1889	627		
Support of State paupers	15 50		
Income of School fund	243 44		
Burial of State paupers	23 40		
Account of Superintendent of Schools	812 50	3483	65
Amount from County			
Dog Tax		651	48
Amount from Sundries			
From 1st District Court. Eastern Worcester.	8871		
" Blackstone Valley Electric Road	48		
" Income real estate Winthrop Faulkner	75 94	662	65
" Benj. F. Gibson, lease	500	662	65
Amount from Licenses			
Druggist			
John H. Carpenter	1		
H. S. White	1		
N. M. Allen	1	3	

Liquor	A J Kirby	1000			
	W L Ripley	1500			
	Wm F Carney	1500			
	Chas St Germain	1500			
	James F Conley	1500	00	7000	00
Pool Tables					
	A J Kirby	2			
	Leonard Allen	2			
	John Tebo	2			
	John F Reid	2			
	Michael Hogan	2		10	
Auctioneer					
	Charles M Batchelder	2			
	Cyrus R Aydell	2		4	
Slaughter					
	H D Jourdan	1			
	Olof Ceberg	1		2	
Plumbers					
	Helen F Smith	2			
	Theo F Smith Journeyman		50	2	50
				73369	42
	Cr				
By paid Selectmen's orders				41429	89
" " Town Notes & Groton Savings Bank		1800	00		
1894 Oct 1 Town Bonds 13. 14. 15		1500	00	19500	00
By paid interest on notes and bonds as follows:					
1894 April Town Bonds $69,000 6 mo		1380			
" Oct 1 " " 69000 6 mo		1380			
1895 Feb 1 Groton Savings Bank		667	92		
Permanent care of Cemetery lots		34		3461	92
By paid Insurance					
Town House		216			
Three School Houses		787	50		
Town Library		312	50	3260	00

By paid State Aid	2140				
" " National Bank Tax	629	44			
" " County Tax	2454				
" " Military Aid	168				
" " State Aid	593				
" " Account 1st Dist Court Eastern Worcester	143	97			
" " Assessors order Abatement of Taxes	504	42			
" " Licenses fees to State	1751		8383	83	
Balance Cash on hand Feb 23. 1895			267	68	
			13369	42	

Respectfully submitted
Henry F Wing
Grafton Feb 23rd 1895 Treasurer

Examined and found correct
C. A Lovell
A copy Attest Harrington L Nichols
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk Auditors

Cemetery Funds.

Cemetery Funds

Dolly A Thayer fund $200 deposited in the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank

1894 Feb 1 To cash balance from last Report	19	99			
Amount expended on lot	2				
1895 Feb 1st Balance in hands of Treasurer	17	99			

Jeremiah Learnard fund $500 deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings.

1894 Feb 1, To cash balance from last Report	23	65			
Amount expended on lot	7	00			
1895 Feb 1 balance in hands of Treasurer	16	65			

D. E Merriam fund $400 deposited in the Grafton Savings Bank

1894 Feb 1 To cash balance from last Rept	27	64			
Amount expended on lot	2	00			
1895 Feb 1 Balance in hands of Treasurer	25	64			

1893 Feb 1						
	Hannah Puffer fund,		20 00			
	Sylvia W. Dadmun "		100			
	Martha M. Bates "		50			
	Cornelia A. Taft "		200			
	Adelia L. Hunes "		50			
	G.C.M. Webster "		50			
	Mrs Josiah Smith "		40			
1894						
Feb 1	To cash balance from last report		24	12		
	Received interest on funds,		34	00	58	12
	Amount expended on hole:				27	50
1893 Feb 1	Balance in hands of Treasurer				30	62

Respectfully submitted
Henry F. Wing
Treasurer

Grafton Feb 1st 1895

Examined and found correct
C. A. Lovering
Harrington L. Nichols
Auditors

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Edwin A Howe Town clerk

State Aid

State Aid

State aid has been claimed and allowed under the laws of this Commonwealth to disabled soldiers and their families, and paid by the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, in each month during the past twelve months, the several sums set against their respective names, up to Feb 1, 1895;

Mrs Catherine Welch	12	mos. @	2	per mo.	24 00
Mrs Emeline A Smith	12	"	4	" "	48
Mrs Johanna Smith	12	"	4	"	48
Mrs Anne Bradley	12	"	4	"	48
Mrs Caroline Mitchell	12	"	4	"	48
Mrs Sarah J. Martin	5	"	4	"	20
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	12	"	4	"	48

Jonathan Nichols	12	Mos	8	per Mo	96	00
Lydia Platt	12	"	4	" "	48	
Ruth Ann Hastings	12	"	4	" "	48	
Mack Leynch	12	"	5	" "	60	
Walter H. Richardson	12	"	6	" "	72	
Leoring Gray	5	"	5	" "	25	
Victoria Whitney	12	"	4	" "	48	
Phebe Currier	9	"	4	" "	36	
Benj Humes	7	"	4	" "	28	
Mirella Snow	4	"	4		16	
					761	00

Respectfully submitted
Henry F. Wing
Treasurer

Examined and found correct
C. A. Lemessier
Harrington L. Nichols
Auditors

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Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Collectors Report.

Tax Collectors Report.

Edwin A. Howe, Collector in account with the Town of Grafton:

Dr.

To Amt Coll. Sidewalk Assessments	1892	26	30	
" " " " "	1893	162	20	
" " " " "	1894	78		
" " " Taxes	1888	9	90	
" " " "	1889	2	40	
" " " "	1890	39	55	
" " " "	1891	47	43	
" " " "	1892	656	52	
" " Interest "	1892	55	90	
Cash on hand last report	Tax 1893	39	95	
Amount collected	" "	2340	77	
Interest on same		20	20	3529 62

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer				3529 62
Total amount uncollected Taxes	1893	205	18	

1894.

Dr.

To Amount of taxes committed to me as per Assessors warrant.	43,130	55		
To subsequently assessed	20	50		
To interest since Oct 12th 1894	124	11	43295	16

Cr

By cash paid Henry F. Wing. Treasurer.	41,117	46		
" " on hand	23	77		
" uncollected taxes as per list	2153	93		
			43295	16

Unpaid taxes, February 21st 1895.

Allen H. F. Estate	62	90	Crowe Patrick H.	13	90	
Allen L. F. Estate	95	20	Cardin, Thomas	5	40	
Archue Joseph	20	53	Chickering Waldo	2		
Archue Joseph F.	19	51	Cole William	2		
Banister. Herbert F.	2	85	Coffin. Charles S.	2		
Barnett Louis	22	40	Crowe. Joseph B	2		
Batchelder. Moses heirs.	5	10	Cisco Lewis A.	2		
Blair Mrs James M.	11	05	Chapdelain. John	2		
Bonner Edward	22	06	Chapdelain. Paul	2		
Bouttelette, Paul	29	20	Daniels Samuel C.	7	10	
Boynton, George	13	05	Devlin James	2		
Boyd. Alexander	8	80	Fay Otis	29	71	
Brady Mrs Nettie val	12	16	Fitzpatrick Thomas	36		
Brown Leroy S.	30	90	Fitzpatrick Mrs Edward	46	75	
Brown Mrs Geo W.	4	00	Flagg Elija F.	19	54	
Bruyon, Lewis D.	2	51	Fletcher. Enoch M.	37	40	
Brown Wm H Jr.	11	01	Ford. George F.	14	75	
Bush Nelson	2	34	Finn. Thomas	2		
Brigham Sidney	2	00	Flagg, Samuel C.	2		
Blair James M	2		Flynn. Christopher	2		
Boynton Ambrose	2		Flynn Patrick	2		
Boynton Benjamin	2		Gallagan. Margaret heirs	19	54	
Carroll Francis	6	08	Goodrich John R	2		
Carter Edward	121	85	Grabel George H	2		
Chickering Jonas 2d	16	45	Hastings. Leo Le	35	15	

Hildreth John H Est	15	81	Pierce, Charles A.	39	95
Hildreth Mrs John H	5	95	Pierce, Silas A.	35	19
Hodgeny John	25	80	Putnam, Charlotte heirs	25	50
Hunner Mrs Josephine A	11	05	Pluff, Peter	4	04
Hunner W. Alfred	3	70	Putnam Frank	2	
Hildreth Herbert H	8	97	Price Joseph	2	
Hendrickson Cole	2		Pluff Edward	2	
Hendrickson George	2		Pluff Mark	2	
Hildreth James H.	2		Pluff, Oliver Jr	2	
Hill, Charles H.	2		Pluff Peter	2	
Holley, Joseph E	2		Perron Deerie	2	
Howe, George W.	2		Prentice, Charles B	2	
Hughes, William	2		Rhodes, Rufus A	2	
Johnson Robert A	2		Robinson W. Alonzo	2	
Jones Williams H.	13	90	Riley James	2	51
Kelley Margaret heir	6	80	Rhodes Ephriam J	20	19
Keating, John	2		Robbins George W	15	24
Kelley, Frank P	2		Robinson Henry T.	23	16
Legnch, Charles	3	70	Savage, Mrs Leander	17	
Legnch Mack	8	80	Smith John W	2	85
Marshall Fred E	2		Snow Charles D. heirs	28	90
Maroney Thomas W.	2		Stockbridge R O.	5	06
Murphy Charles	2		Snow Alfred	4	55
Minnihan John heirs	8	50	Stratton, Geo W	8	46
Moree Judson	33	28	Sinnott John H	2	
Moree Clarence A.	27	50	Savage Leeander	2	
Myott Joseph	8	80	Shube Edward	2	
Maroney Timothy J.	4	72	Smith Albert M	2	
Maynard Moses	2		Smith, Charles E	2	
McGill, David	2		Smith-Hicks A	2	
McGill Edward	2		Vinal William A	2	
McClintock Adam	2		Vondell Nelson	2	
Nelson Jasper H	3	36	Wood Harry T.	2	
Oeberg Olof	34	81	Wood Samuel H	2	
Oeberg Edwin J.	2		Wheeler Mrs W. H	169	83
O Briens Jeremiahs	2		White John B heirs	40	80
Pogue Calvin T.	2		Cutts White & Charles Whitney	42	50

Whitney Edward E.	9	51	Worcester Franklin	128	14
Warren Ellen E	85	00	Welch Edward	2	
Williams William H	2	51	Jenny Gilman P.	12	50
Wood Mrs C N.	22	10	Forshay Mrs Ann	5	80
Worcester W^m F.	20	70		2015	53

Non Residents-

Brigham Arthur A	5	10	Merrifield Lorenzo	3	40
Buffum Farnum	6	80	Newton Elbridge	23	80
Ferguson James	1	70	Newton Henry E	27	20
Knowles S Augustus	43	35	Pollard Charles H	24	45
			Tucker Mrs J E	3	40
				$2153	93

All of which is respectfully submitted

Edwin A Howe

Grafton Feb. 21, 1895 Collector

Examined and found correct.

C. A Lovering

Harrington Nichols

Auditors

Report accepted

It was voted to accept the Report of the Collector as printed with the following amendment that the amount against the name of Ellen E Warren should read $85.60 and the name of Mrs Ann Forshay $5.80 should be added to the list. The foregoing report is as amended. a copy

Attest

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk

Town House Committee

Report of Town House Committee

Town House Committee in account with the Town of Grafton

Dr.

To cash received on Selectmens orders		1039 82
To amount of Rents from Town House as follows.		
Town Hall, one year to February 1st 1895	84	
Store, J. H Carpenter, to January 1st 1895	2651	
Post Office Mailing Hickey to " " 1895	200	

Franklin Lodge 4 January 1st 1895	84			
Court Room " " " "	40			
G. K. Nichols & Son. teams heat	45			
Grafton National Bank	30		250	
			1789	82

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By paid Town Treasurer as per his receipt			750	
General Repairs to Town House				
Edward Beauregard. labor	36	72		
A. J. Hall. Lumber	13	98		
L. C. Clark & Co. Lumber	19	68		
Hatch & Barnes. Lumber	39	60		
Strauss Bro. frescos painters	88	40		
A. J. Kirby, board of Strauss Bro	12	75		
Frank White. labor and materials	27	56		
Henry Parker. labor.	9	89		
Clark & Sawyer. Co gas fixtures	9	40		
E. G. Higgins & Co. Wall paper	12	06		
S. B. Hale. roofing	135	88		
Thomas Sullivan. labor.	4			
William Gilleneau. Repairs in Post Office	2	85		
Freight and express	8	25		
Sundries	3	55	304	32
Town House Running Expenses				
Janitor and agent for Hall	3	00		
Heating	292	70		
Lighting	118	93		
Sundries	23	67	235	30
Respectfully submitted			1789	82

Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing
Daniel N Gibbs
Town House Committee

Grafton Feb 1 - 1895
Examined and found correct
C A Lovering

a Copy Attest Harrington L Nichols
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk Auditors

Voted to accept the foregoing report of Town House Committee as printed.

Voted to accept as printed the report of the Superintendent of Streets.

Superintendent of Streets.

Report of Supt of Streets

Received and expended on highways, bridges, culverts, etc as follows:

		Sidewalk
Regular appropriation		300
Expended hauling gravel	180	
Repairs, scraping, raking stone, etc	728	
Bridges and culverts	282	
Cutting brush	85	
Personal services	100	
Special Brigham Hill appropriation		500
Expended on long road	500	
Special Saunderville appropriation		100
Expended on Mrs Saunders Road	100	
Special Creeper bridge Appropriation		100
Expended.	129 15	
overdraft		29 15
Sidewalk appropriation		900
Expended	1031 68	
Betterments		147
Balance not expended	15 32	
Special for highway Act 516		1000
Washouts	208	
Drain at Mrs Barrett's	105	
Drain at North Grafton	159	
Grates	28	
Snow Appropriation		1000
Expended	1000	

John E McClellan
Superintendent of Streets

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct.

A copy Attest — Harrington & Nichols
Edwin A Howe — C A Lawrence
Town Clerk — Auditors

Voted to accept the Report of the Town Clerk as printed

Report of Town Clerk

Births recorded	137
Marriages "	66
Deaths recorded	82
Dog Licenses issued	359
Town meetings	2

Reference may be made to the Records of Births marriages and deaths for the names.

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept as printed the report of the Assessors as printed

Assessors Report-

Assessors Report

Number of Residents assessed on property		668
Non-residents		210
Number of corporations and firms		27
Number of persons assessed for a poll only		185
Number of polls		1259
Poll Tax	2,00	
Value of personal property assessed		$375,950,00
Resident Bank Stock		62600 00
Total personal property assessed		$638,550,00
Value of building assessed		$1,774,540,00
Value of land		539660,00
Total Real Estate		1,714200,00
Total valuation 1893		$2,378,350,00
" " 1894		2352,750 00
Loss for 1894		25600,00
Rate of Tax per $1000.	$17,00	
Number of horses assessed		589
" " Cows "		959
" " Sheep "		84
" " Swine "		109
" " Cattle other than Cows		207
" " Fowls assessed		4225
" " Dwelling houses		1003
" " Acres of land		13296

Town grant	$40,933.00
Deficit of 1893	2000.00
	42,933.00
Less available cash assets	5250.00
	$37,683.00
State tax	2140.00
County tax	2454.00
Overlayings.	237.75
Total	$42,514.75

Luther K Leland
Silas E. Stone
Assessors of Grafton

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

On motion voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed with the following corrections, in the list of amounts paid cities and Towns, it should read $4.00 in place of $4.00.00

Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending February 1st 1895

Receipts.

Cash on hand, Feb 1st 1894	3 00			
Selectmen's orders	7240			
Towns and cities	312	22		
Sales of farm produce	1891	84	9744	72

Expended.

Almshouse expenses,	3793	63		
Cities and Towns,	2555	63		
Hospital bills,	1114	88		
Postage and travelling expenses,	30	52		
Aid to paupers out of Almshouse,	1802	69		
Tramp house expenses	188	62		
Burial bills	574	65		
Town Treasurer	2204	10		
Cash in hands of Overseers	300		9744	72

Almshouse Account,

Paid Warden and Matron	400			
" Groceries and provisions	1198	09		
" out door labor.	161	02		
" housework and nursing,	157	97		
" Medical attendance	150			
" hospital supplies,	43	73		
" dry goods and clothing,	121	51		
" house furnishing and repairs,	194	60		
" grain and feed.	548	82		
" blacksmith bills.	22	64		
" manure and fertilizer,	251	01		
" Coal,	87	10		
" Stock	369			
" miscellaneous	123	13		
			3783	63
Decrease of inventory,			204	07
			3987	70
Receipts				
Milk	1097	74		
Beef, pork, and veal,	294	88		
Hay	236	25		
Vegetables	159	35		
Board	52			
Sundries	51	62		
			1891	84
Net cost of Almshouse.			2105	86

For which 868 weeks' support have been furnished at a cost per week of $2.42

The following persons have been supported at the Almshouse within the year.

John Pogue	William Sawyer	Mabey Hobart
Charles Hayden	*Laurene Adams	Thomas Cusick
*John Gardner	*Noah Parent	Austin Sherman
Eliza Stowe	*H Samuel White	Robert Redpath
Harriet Knowlton	John Riley	Frank Newton
Alice Toner	Flora Reid	Emily Goddard
*Jaques Parent	John Cosgrove	Augustus E Davis
		Frank Goodrich

* Died or discharged during year

Out-Door Poor.

Aid has been granted out of Almshouse as follows:

Leon Bourassa's family	162	
John McCole	29	
Jane Kennedy	79	
John Webber	52	19
Joseph Maynard	147	90
Charles E. Pierce	10	
McHenry children	113	
Robert Redpath	37	50
Mary Turner	156	37
Dan Pelee rent	42	20
Mary Gilmand	15	50
George S. Davis	11	50
Eliza A. Adams, insane	156	47
Charles Hughes	121	68
N. B. M. Temple	93	
William Bonner	18	
C. Frank Nichols	19	
John Blanchette	4	
Nat Remick Jr	18	
George D. Sprague	3	
Anna M. Knowles	189	
Margaret Balcom	106	
Frank Odlum	67	30
Winnie S. Stowe	23	75
Mary McGarchie	10	
Joe Bachaw's children	78	
Catherine O'Leary	4	
William P. Smith	4	70
Rachel McKeuen	31	43
Ellen March	2	
William Snowling	16	
Mary Bolgie	5	
Edward Welch	2	
Joseph Myett	131	
	1802	69

Cities and Towns.

Bills have been paid the following cities and Towns for aid to persons having a settlement in Grafton,

Springfield	23	25	
Lowell	12	14	
Worcester	61	20	
Princeton	15		
Holden	20		
Boston	4		
Natick	59	54	
Northboro	24		
Brockton	21	78	
Milford	12	70	
			255 93

Burial Bills.

Paid Lawrence Adams,	14		
" Louisa Seedorf.	10	65	
" Jaques Parent.	10		
" Noah Parent.	10		
" Peter Bourassa.	10		
			54 65

Transf. House,

Paid J. E McClellan for coal	7	25	
" James Carney for lodging 1451 hours @ 12½ Cts.	181	37	
			188 62

Hospitals Bills

Paid for Geo L Wheelock	169	46	
" " Edward A. Wilson	169	46	
" " Jesse A Bradish	162	51	
" " Walter W Pierce	158	32	
" " Daniel T Flagg	157	85	
" " Simpson Cowing	106	78	
" " Oscar A Whitney	125	82	
" " Michael Eagan	43	99	
" " Mary Parento	20	89	
			1114 88

Receipts from Cities and Towns.

Hopkinton,	$ 34			
Southborough,	18	15		
Sutton,	200	20		
Marlborough,	44	95		
Newburyport,	1	47		
Boston	11	45	312	22

Summary.

Received from Town Treasurer	7240	62		
Inventory reported Feb 1, 1894	4345	59		
Due from towns and State, reported Feb 1, 1894	212			
			11798	21
Inventory, Feb 1 1895	4141	48		
Paid Town Treasurer,	2204	10		
Town Treasurer Rec'd from State on pauper Acct,	42	90		
Due from towns and State, Feb 1, 1895	310			
			6698	48
Net cost of support of poor.			5099	73

Inventory of Personal Property on Town Farm Feb 6 - 1895

13 Cows	570	
1 Bull	25	
3 horses	275	
4 Swine	30	
36 fowls	18	
475 baskets corn	171	
6775 lbs bran	71	13
½ bushel pears	1	
½ bushell sweet corn,	1	
Salt	56	
1 pair harnesses	25	
3 single harnesses	25	
1 Express harness,	25	
1 Sleigh	30	
1 democrat wagon	45	
1 Express wagon	35	

1 two-horse wagon	55
1 two-horse tip-cart	40
2 one-horse wagon	55
1 two horse sled	50
1 one-horse sled	45
1 hay ladder	15
Horse rake	12
Mowing machine	25
Lumber and logs	20
Horsehoe	4
Cultivator	4
1 A harrow	5
1 Perry harrow	10
1 Breede harrow	6
4 plows	25
1 stone drag	1
1 sand screen	5
1 hay cutter	5
Ladders and hook.	11
Scales and measures.	8
Wheelbarrow	2 50
Baskets	6
Blankets and robes	18
1 farm boiler	38
80 flower barrels	8
1 smoothing drag	2
98 hay caps	28
1 Grindstone	7
Stone tools	5
All other farming and mechanics tools	90
House furnishing	900
160 seed potatoes	15
160 bush Potatoes	104
200 lbs pork	20
½ bbl pickles	2 40
60 Quarts canned fruit	4
25 Gallons vinegar	3

10 bbls apples	12	50
10 Gallons boiled cider	3	
10 bushels turnips	2	50
8 bushels beets	3	20
17 bushels parsnips	8	50
23 tons coal	132	25
18½ cords stove wood	92	50
3¾ cords 4ft. wood	15	
36½ tons English hay	511	
12½ tons Meadow hay	100	
1½ " corn fodder	12	
Groceries on hand	35	
Due from sales of produce	70	
Manure and fertilizer bought for use this ensuing year	85	
	$ 4141	45

Appraised Feb. 6th, 1895.

E. F. Estabrook
W. P. Knight
Charles Goddard
} Appraisers

Respectfully submitted

H. L. Banister,
Silas Vinton
Enoch Adams.
} Overseers of the Poor

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct.

Carrington L. Nichols
C. F. Lawrence
Auditors

A copy attest

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

On motion voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery as printed which is as follows

Riverside Cemetery.

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery,

1894 Cr

1894 Feb 12	By balance on hand	49	35	
May 8	By Town order	600	00	
	By cash for lots sold	21	70	
1895 Feb 15	By cash from Slocumb fund	5	00	
	By cash from Biscoe fund	1	00	
	By cash from Pomery fund	1	00	
				678 05

Dr.

1894 May 10	To cash paid John E McClellan for balance labor. etc "Daniel Addition"	4	00	
Jun 6	To cash paid J.W Ellis surveying and planning Daniel Addition"	22	73	
Aug 21	To cash Geo W Stratton mowing grounds	3	25	
1895 Feb 15	To cash J. E McClellan labor a lots	22		
	To cash J.E McClellan labor on grounds	21	07	
	To cash care of Slocumb lot	5		
	To cash care of T.C. Biscoe lot	1		
	To cash care of Tinker lot (Pomeroy fund)	1		
				678 05

For the Trustees

Joseph A Dodge

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct

Harrington L Nichols

Auditor

A copy attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as printed, which is as follows,

Pine Grove Cemetery.

Town of Groton in account with trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery

1894		Cr.			
Jan 1.	Cash on hand,		16	09	
	Lot sold,		50	00	81 06
1894		Dr.			
May	Cash paid for labor on grounds		3		
June	Cash paid for hitching post and repairing pump		5	50	
June	Cash paid for labor on grounds		13	50	22
	Balance on hand Jan 1 1895				59 06

For the trustees
L. K. Leland,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct.
Cayuga W. Nichols
C. A. Lawrence
Auditors

A copy attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Report of Trustees of Fairview Cemetery

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed which is as follows,

Fairview Cemetery

Town of Groton in account with the trustees of Fairview Cemetery.

		Cr			
1894 Feb 2	By Cash on hand		58	18	
May 10	By wood sold		6		
Dec 7	By lots sold		7	53	
1895	By cash forest fire		2		73 71

Dr.

1894 Mar 2.	To T N Hall. labor		65		
" May 14	" P. H. Perrin, trees	6			
" May 14	" James Draper trees	8	25		
" May 15	" J. E. McClellan labor	44			
" July 12	" G. W. Terry labor	8			
" Sept 19,	" C. F. Chase, labor		75		
" Dec 4	" W. G. Covill	3	74		
1895 Feb 6	" W. G. Covill forest fire	2		69	39
	Balance on hand Feb 6, 1895			4	32

For the trustees
A. L. Fisher.
Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct.

Harrington L. Nichols
C. A. Lessier
Auditors

A copy attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Report of Chief Engineer

Voted to accept the report of the Engineer of the Fire Department as printed, which is as follows

Engineers Report.

Alden M Bigelow, Chief Engineer of Fire Department in account with the Town of Grafton,

May 8, 1894 Dr.

Paid services of Fire Engineer May 1-93 & May 1-94	60	
Paid Rescue Hose Co Services May 1-93 & May 1-94	167	50
Paid Henry & Crippen Hose Company Services from May 1-93 & May 1-94	170	
Paid Blackstone Engine Company No 3 Services from May 1-93 & May 1-94	415	02

Paid Cook & Ladder Company No 1 Service May 1-93-to May 1-94	1 60		
Paid Alden M Bigelow bill	25		
" G K Nichols & Son bill	4	08	
" Silas Vinton & Son bill	2	25	
" John E McClellan bill	1	42	
" Aaron Elliot, bill	3	75	
" Mrs Catherine Finn, bill	8		
Aug 6 Paid C H Richardson, bill (new ladders)	175		
" Grafton & Upton R R Co. bill	6	60	
" Charles Murphy, bill	6	75	
" W J. Feehan, bill	2	50	
Dec 3 " Alden M. Bigelow bill	25		
Jan 7 Paid A G. Getchell, Rent	25		
			1257 87

Cr.

May 7-1894 By Selectmen's order	1017	02	
Aug 6- " By Selectmen's order	190	85	
Dec 3 " By Selectmens order	25		
Jany 7 1895 By Selectmens order	25		
" 31 " By cash from G. W. Wells and D. S Bassett, for old hose	55	90	
			1313 77

Cash in hands of Chief Engineer.
Feb 11, 1895 55 90

Alden M Bigelow
Chief Engineer.

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct.

Harrington L. Nichols
C. A Brussier
Auditors

A copy attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk.

Report of Common Committe

Voted to accept the report of the Common Committee as finded as follows.

Dr.

Committee on Common.

Town of Grafton. in account with Committe on Common.

1894 Dr.

Mar 22.	W J. Feehan. iron work fence	1	10
	Thomas Finn. drilling stone posts	1	
	Andrew J. Hall. new rails for fence	1	20
Apr 4	Howard Dunbar. repairing fence	3	41
May 2	W H Miles. painting fence two coats	17	
	George W Stratton	9	60
	Silas A Pierce	9	60
	Grading. defining walks and roadway raking grass whole square		
May 29.	Geo W Stratton mowing. with law mower whole Square	4	05
May 2	W H Miles 11 lamp. posts and lanterns	2	75
May 29	Silas A Pierce, mowing	3	
	John E McClellan. gravel and carting and other teem work	42	25
	Henry Parker Sharpening lawn mower	2	
Aug 1	Dr John E M'Clellan. loam and teem work	3	04
		$100	00

Cr.

1894 March By Appropriation $100,00

Tools on Hand

Lawn mower	7
Rope 50. 2 Rakes 50	1
	8

For the Committe

D. W. Norcross.

Examined and found correct

Harrington L. Nichols

C A Lawrence

Auditors

A copy Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Report- Voted to accept the Report of the Quartermaster of G.A.R.,
2. M. Sprague Post 24 G. A.R. as printed which is as follows,
Post-24. G.A.R.

Report of
Quartermaster A.R. Sprague Post 24 G.A.R.

Cash balance on hand February 1st 1894			$101 31
Expended for relief of Soldiers and their families	26 00		
Cash balance on hand Feb 1 - 1895	73 31	101	31

Clarence Simmons
Quartermaster

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found them correct

Harrington & Nichols
C A Lewis } Auditors

A copy Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Rawson Fund Voted to accept the report of the Rawson Fund, as printed which is as follows,

Rawson Fund
$3000

Cash on hand Feb 1 - 1894	1 32		
Income from Savings Bank	105 34		
" " Kansas City	15 19	121	84
Expended for Relief		60	62
Unexpended balance		61	24

For the Selectmen & Overseers of Poor
Oliver M Wing
Examined and found correct Clerk

C A Lewis
A copy attest Harrington & Nichols
Edwin A Howe Auditors
Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Free Public Library

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library as printed. The following is the financial part of the report for the remainder reference may be had to the printed copy on file in this office

Henry F Wing. Treasurer.

In account with Free Public Library and Reading Room.

1894		Dr.	
Feb 19.	Balance on hand	163	12
Oct 27 1895	Received Appropriation of the Town	175	
Feb 8	" Appropriation of the Dog fund	601	56
" "	" Income Field Library fund	101	18
" "	" Income Faulkner " fund	120	60
" "	" Income " Real Estate	75	94
" 18	" Librarian for fines.	4	
	Total receipts	1241	40
	Cr		
By Cash	paid for books purchased for library	393	17
" "	" periodicals and papers.	67	13
	" J. S Weeby & Sons Rebinding books	60	30
	" C B Wood. printing	9	25
	" Incidentals for Office	9	16
	" Express	5	50
	" Covering books.	16	
	" Hattie S. Mann Salary to March 1, 1895	200	
	Total expenditures.	770	10
	Balance on hand Feb 19, 1895	471	30
		1241	40

The trustees would respectfully recommend as an appropriation for the library the proceeds of the dog tax for the current year

In behalf of the Trustees of the Free Public Library

B. F. Robie Chairman.

Examined and approved C. A Loveren

a copy attest Harrington & Nichols

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Auditors

Report of School Committee

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed, the following is the financial statement of their report. for the remainder of the report reference may be had to the printed copy on file in this office

Financial Statement.

Teachers. &c.

High School

Paid Teachers	$2292 19	
Contra		$2292 19
Appropriation for high school	$1200	
Amount over drawn	192 19	
		2292 19

Common Schools

Paid regular teachers	$1451 50	
" Drawing and Music teacher	528	
" Expenses " " "	56 32	
" pupil-teachers	127 40	
" S. Vinton & Son. conveyance of teachers	14 25	
" Postage	8 50	
Unexpended balance	576 47	
		9458 44

Contra

Appropriation	$830	
Received from State school fund	243 44	
Received from State on account of Supt.	325 00	
Income of $1,000 fund	60 00	
		9458 44

Fuel and Janitor's

Paid for Wood and coal, High School	14 75	
" " wood and coal, Common schools	550 42	
" " care of rooms High School	86 38	
" " care of rooms Common Schools	$333 07	
" " care of room Supt office	4	
Contra		
Appropriation for fuel and janitor	1400 00	1558 62
Amount over drawn	158 62	1558 62

Repairs. Fixtures. Apparatus. Etc.

Paid	Paul Leclourneau. labor. etc	18	45
"	S B Hall. plumbing	3	20
"	Winchester Furniture Co Desks	24	
"	N. T. Wheelock. Labor shovelling Snow	2	55
"	George S. Hitchings labor		67
"	John Crowe labor Shovelling Snow		75
"	Charles Murphy. fixing lock	1	
"	C B Wood. work on diplomas	6	50
"	W. T. Barker. supplies	3	24
"	Casey & Ennis supplies	3	131
"	H. E Taylor cleaning	1	65
"	Annie Forrest. cleaning	1	
"	John Conley. glass and setting	1	10
"	H. A. Bowman. fixing flag		75
"	C. F. Hall fixing clock	1	50
"	A J Ford labor and supplies	8	85
"	J Galloway. Adams Express Co		135
"	George & Dearborn. moving books	8	25
"	H. Dunbar. putting on lock		85
"	J A Bacon repairing clock		75
"	Desk Exchange Co. Desk	18	
"	S Vinton & Son seams	1	25
"	M. Casey setting glass		25
"	N. T. Wheelock labor		90
"	H M. Rugg Express	1	30
"	G. & H R R freight		54
"	W. C. Fletcher labor and material	61	50
"	Putnam & Sprague Co Table for School Room	13	50
"	William Gelineau boot. cases	15	35
"	M A Reilly Telephone		60
"	T. Finn labor	7	85
"	J E McClellan trucking	5	50
"	W T Barker supplies	8	23
"	H Dunbar carpenter work	1	15
"	George Rugg express		70
"	George S. Hitchings. labor		25

A. J. Ford, labor and material	6	05
Silas Vinton & Son loam	1	50
J. E. McClellan, trucking	12	45
Paul Lederneum, labor and material	6	05
Gilbert G. Davis, Diplomas and programs	25	
J. E. Sheridan trucking	1	80
Diploma ribbon	50	
W. C. Fletcher, labor and material	34	12
Denholm, McKay Co curtains	2	50
Frank White, Kalsomining	21	25
Frank White painting	122	25
Smith Tift, tin ware	1	
Frank Carroll, loam	2	
James Ferguson, repairing stove pipe	8	15
D. W Macker carpenter's work	15	87
A. G Ford grading and cleaning	13	50
Frank White painting	143	50
Waller E Smith supplies	2	27
Alfred Beauregard, cleaning	1	00
H Dunbar, carpenter work	20	25
George F Dearborn, labor	39	90
J. E Hammett, chairs and plating	8	50
S. Vinton & Sons, loam,	39	
Einer & Amend, chemical apparatus	11	14
John Conley, labor,	2	50
Adams Express Company express	1	05
G & U. R.R., freight		40
Denholm, McKay Co, curtains,	6	00
W. C. Fletcher, labor and materials	99	59
George K Nichols & Son, supplies	67	12
S. P Hale, labor,	6	04
Annie Forrest, cleaning,	42	
J. E McClellan, trucking,	4	75
D. W. Macker carpentering	32	08
Charles Murphy, fixing chair	1	
A. J. Hall lumber	51	73
Frank White Kalsomining over	51	

Paid W. T. Barker supplies	9	27		
" E. E Bilgood. supplies	1	10		
" T. B. Froench. electrical work	17			
" John Crowe. cleaning.	2			
" William Barr repairing chimneys	17	25		
" Paul Soucourneau. labor and cleaning	14	40		
" S Vinton & Sons. teams,	2	25		
" George M Newton. repairing ceiling	1	08		
" S. T Smith & Son putting in ventilator	3			
" S B Hale labor on stoves	39	19		
" A. G. Getchell. labor on pumps	3	25	9 1163	55

Contra

Appropriation over drawn	900			
Amount overdrawn	263	55		
			1163	55

Text Books and Supplies.

Paid Apl 3 Moving books	6	15		
Houghton, Mifflin, & Co	6	75		
George S Perry,	21	01		
C T Lawrence & Co	4	75		
J. L. Hammett	15	18		
Carl Schoenhof.		85		
Edward E Babb	73	17		
Lewis & Emerson.	50	65		
American Book Co.	102	44		
Boston School Supply Co	4	55		
Paid May 7 Postage		50		
S Vinton & Son	6	25		
Labor M. Casey,		25		
Express.	2	85		
Lewis & Emerson	32	30		
American Book Co	70	58		
Gilbert G. Davis	8			
Sanford-Sawtelle Co	7			
Adams Express Co	5	05		
E & M R R		40		

Paid	J. L. Hammett	63	03	
	University Publishing Co.	32		
Paid June 5	J. E. McClellan		95	
	Sanford-Sawtelle Co	2	20	
	"Public Opinion" Georg Rugg	1	30	
Paid July 2	D Virlen & Son,		50	
	Gilbert G. Davis,	2	25	
	H. M. Rigg		55	
	Lewis & Emerson	18		
	T. H. Caelor & Co		41	
	J. E Sheridan	2	15	
Paid Aug 4	Adams Express Co		35	
Paid Oct 1.	J. L. Hammett.	52	11	
	D Virlen & Son.	5	60	
	Adams Express Co	2	15	
	University Publishing Co,	2	50	
	American Book Co	11	82	
	Linn & Co	40		
	Silver, Burdett & Co	38	10	
	W. W. Lewis	85	14	
	H M. Rigg	2	95	
	Carl Schoenhof	11	26	
	A. D. Slone & Co	42	80	
	W W Lewis	32	54	
	Silver, Burdett, & Co.	31	25	
	Adams Express Co		80	
Jan 4	" Contra	2	00	908 54
Appropriation		900		
Amount overdrawn		8	54	908 54

Conveyance of Pupils

Paid for conveyance of pupils from Brigham Hill		$ 264		
" " " " "	Merriam Dietrich	185	$	432 00

Contra

Appropriation for conveyance of pupils from Brigham Hill		$ 220		
Amount overdrawn		182	$	432 00

Recapitulation.

Expenditures

Teacher. High School	$2292	19
Teacher. Common Schools,	8881	97
Janitors,	933	45
Repairs. fixtures. etc. Fuel	625	17
Conveyance of pupils,	1163	55
Text books and supplies,	452	
Total expenses.	9408	53
	$15254	84

Receipts

Appropriation for teacher. High School	$2100	
Appropriation for teachers. Common Schools.	8830	
Appropriation for books and supplies	900	
appropriation for repairs and fixtures. etc	900	
Appropriation for fuel and janitors	1400	
Interest on $1,000. fund.	60	
State School fund,	243	44
State aid on account of Superintendent,	325	
Appropriation for conveyance of pupils.	270	
Amount overdrawn	225	40
	$15254	84

Stanley H. Holmes
Secretary

This is to certify that we have examined the above and found it correct.

Harrington L. Nichols
C. A. Lussier
Auditors

A copy attest

Edwin A. Hoar
Town Clerk

Art 4th taken up.

Bonds. Voted on motion of E. A. Howe to raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars to pay Town Bonds #16 - #17 - #18

Interest. Voted on motion of A. E. Johnson to raise and appropriate Three Thousand dollars Interest on the Town Debt.

High School Teaches. Voted on motion of Perley Goddard to raise and appropriate Twenty four hundred Dollars for High School

Common Schools Teaches. Voted on motion of Silas E. Howe to raise and appropriate Eighty three hundred dollars for Common Schools

Fuel & Janitor. Voted on motion of John E. McClellan to raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred and fifty dollars for Fuel & Janitor

Books & Supplies. Voted on motion of E. A. Howe to raise and appropriate nine hundred dollars for Books and Supplies.

Repairs & Fixtures. Voted on motion of T. E. Huckins to raise and appropriate Thirteen hundred dollars for Repairs and Fixtures Amendment made by A. E. Johnson that it be nine hundred dollars, and the amendment was voted, and the original motion as amended was voted, That it should be nine hundred dollars for Repairs and fixtures,

Conveyance of pupils. Motion of A. E. Johnson that we raise and appropriate Two hundred and seventy dollars for conveyance of pupils Amendment by Cyrus R. Clelland that the amount be Six hundred and thirty dollars and the amendment was voted, and the original motion as amended was voted,

Miscellaneous. Motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Two hundred and fifty dollars for miscellaneous for Schools.

Fire department

Voted on motion of Henry Mann to raise and appropriate Fourteen hundred dollars for the Fire Department.

Repair Highways

Voted on motion of John A. Brown to raise and appropriate Four Thousand dollars for Highways amendment was made by C. M. Batchelder that it be Three Thousand but the amendment was lost, Orginal motion was carried.

Public Lib Dog fund.

Voted on motion of J. H. Chickering that we appropriate the proceeds of the Dog Tax to the Free Public Library.

Poor Department

Voted on motion of S. E. Stowe to raise and appropriate Fifty five hundred dollars for the Poor Department for the support of the poor.

Memorial Day

Voted on motion of E. A. Howe to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial Day.

Common.

Voted to raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for Common

Town Clerks Salary

Voted on motion of S. E. Stowe to raise and appropriate Seventy five dollars for Salary of the Town Clerk

Town Treas Salary & Bonds.

Motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for Salary of the Town Treasurer amendment by George K. Nichols that the town pay for the Bonds, and the amendment was voted the original motion as amended which is as follows That the Town raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the Salary of the Treasurer and the Town to pay for his Bond. was voted.

Treasurer Bond.

Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying for the Treasurer Bond not to exceed Two hundred dollars.

Books to North Grafton

Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Fifty dollars for the delivering of books at North Grafton.

Books to Farnumsville

Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Twenty five dollars for the delivery of books at Farnumsville

Books to Fisherville

Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Twenty five dollars for the delivering book at Fisherville

Books to Saundersville

Voted on motion of H. E. Brooks to raise and appropriate Twenty five dollars for the delivering books at Saundersville

Hydrants

Voted on motion of S. E. Slowe to raise and appropriate Twenty five hundred dollars for Hydrant Rental.

Sidewalk Center

Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Sidewalk, Center

Sidewalks N. Part

Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Sidewalk in North part.

Sidewalks S. Part

Voted on motion of H. E. Brooks to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Sidewalk South part.

Electric Street Lights

Voted on motion of S. E. Slowe to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars for Electric Street Lights.

Town Officers

Voted on motion of S. E. Slowe to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars for salary of Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committee,

Supt of Schools

Motion of S. E. Slowe to raise and appropriate Seven hundred and fifty dollars for Salary of Superintendent of Schools amendment by F. E. Huckins that it be Eight hundred dollars amendment voted, and the orgenal motion as amended was carried.

State Aid — Voted on motion of S. E. Stone to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for State Aid.

Illegal Sale of Liquor — Voted to pass over the recommendation of the Selectmen for the prosecution of persons engaged in selling Liquor.

State Aid — Voted to raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for State Aid. Chap 298 Acts 1889.

Error — ~~Voted on motion of S. E. Stone to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for State Aid.~~

Snow bills — Voted on motion of S. E. Stone to raise and appropriate One Thousand dollars for Snow bills

Miscellaneous — Voted on motion of C. M. Batchelder to raise and and appropriate Fifteen Hundred dollars for miscellaneous

Art 5th taken up.

Voted on motion of Charles M Batchelder that it be the same as last year. which is as follows. That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes. That all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town, That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Town treasurer once in ten days from the time the Taxes are placed in his hands. and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Taxes when to be paid & c

Sixth article in the warrant taken up.

Burial of the dead — Voted on Motion of Perley Goddard that it be Three dollars for use of Hearse and Two dollars for digging grave. same as last year

Seventh article in the Warrant taken up.

Pay of Firemen — Voted on motion of S. F. Smith that it be Ten Dollars. Same as last year

Eighth article in the warrant taken up.

Accept the list of jurors

Voted on motion of J. H. Chickering that the name of Lewis Daniels be substituted for Thomas Lynch.

Voted to accept the list. (List will be found on page 23 in the Selectmens report)

Ninth article in the warrant taken up.

Voted that it be within the Centre district.

Tenth article in the warrant taken up.

Treasurer borrow money

Voted, on motion of E. A. Howe. That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes of the current year. and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes,

Eleventh article in the warrant taken up.

Collector authorized

Voted, that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use,

Twelfth article in the warrant taken up.

Voted to pass over the article.

Thirteenth article in the warrant taken up.

Referred to Chairman of Selectmen

Voted on motion of William E. Fowler. That the subject matter of Article XIII be referred to Francis E. Huckins Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with full power and authority to take such action relative thereto as he may deem proper.

Fourteenth article in the warrant taken up.

Additional electric lights to be erected

Motion of Amos G. Getchell that the Selectmen be instructed to contract with the Grafton Electric Co for Thirty-three additional electric street lights of twenty five candle power. the vote was taken by rising. H. L. Nichols & H. E. Brooks were appointed tellers and sworn by the moderator. Thirty-voted yes and Fifty-voted no and the motion was lost

Fifteenth article in the warrant taken up.

Grading of Riverside Cemetery

Voted on motion of John E. McClellan that we raise and appropriate Five Hundred dollars to complete the grading of the Daniel Addition and otherwise improve the grounds, fence the same and care of the Cemetery.

Sixteenth article taken up.

Voted on motion of C M. Batchelder that the Selectmen be its agent.

Voted to reconsider the last vote.

Chairman of Selectmen to be agent

Voted on motion of John A. Brown that the Chairman of the board of Selectmen be the agent.

Seventeenth article in the warrant taken up.

Selectmen to move Engine House No Groton

Voted on motion of Henry Mann that the Selectmen be so authorized.

Fourth article in the warrant taken up.

Repairs of Engine House No Groton

Voted on motion of S. E. Stowe to raise and appropriate Three hundred dollars to pay for repairing and moving the Engine House at North Groton.

Voted on motion of Sanford L. Batchelder that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest

Edwin A. Hoar

Town Clerk.

Selectmens Appointments

Grafton March 16th 1895

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made in accordance with a vote of the town passed this 16th day of March 95 viz:

Inspectors of animals & provisions — Perley Goddard was appointed inspector of Animals and provisions, and Agent for the Board of Health for provision & Cattle,

Special Police — John Holden appointed Special Police

Sealer of W. & M. — H L Nichols Sealer of weights & measures.

Supt of Streets — John E McClellan Superintendent of Streets.

Made oath before Town Clerk Mar 18th 1895.

J E Huckins Agent for State & Military Aid.

Mar 20/95

Charles J Whipple Special R R Police Sum by Town Clerk

H J Moore "

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Selectmens Appointments

Grafton April 1st 1895

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in their Room this day the following persons were appointed in office in accordance with the vote of the town viz:

Thomas Wilmarth weigher & measurer and Sum'd by Town Cl

Weigher & measurer — Fire Engineers

Fire Engineers — Alden M Bigelow, Henry E Brooks, Thomas Wilmarth, George H Huckins, Henry Mann, David L Bassett,

Forest Fire Wards.

Forest Fire wards — The Board of Engineers and Andrew J Higgins, John E McClellan, David L Fiske, Perley Goddard, John G Brown, Ozro R Axtell, Silas E Stowe, Lyman M Rice, Amos G Getchell, William H Miles, Samuel H Knowlton, John A Sweeter and James Platt.

Sealer W. & M.

Samuel E Leeland appointed a Sealer of weights and measures.

William C. Fletcher appointed Special Police

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton April 23rd 1895
At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day. the following appointments were made Alfred E Lovell as Special Police Samuel F Knowlton as measurer of Wood and Lumber.
The board of Selectmen with the remaining members of the Common Committee met together and chose John E McClellan to fill the vacancy on said board in place of Henry F Wing deceased.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton May 2nd 1895
At the meeting of the board of Selectmen held this evening William E Donovan was appointed Registrar of Voters. for this years.
The Selectmen with the remaining members of the Town House Committee met together and chose Solon F Smith as a member of the Town House Committee to fill the vacancy on said Committee. in place of Henry F Wing deceased

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Regarding the above project:

Because the town has to provide an easement to National Grid for the new underground electric system at the above location, I've been busy trying to track down ALL the deeds that comprise the library parcel at 35 Grafton Common, and it's been quite a challenge.

Of the two deeds that were provided to me as part of the easement package, one of them, in Book 2428, Pg 425, represents only approximately 1/3 of the entire parcel, and it doesn't cover the area where the electrical system is proposed for installation.

The second deed provided to me relates to parcels next door and south of 35 Grafton Common, and it's not relevant.

So far, I have four deeds. The issue now is, one of them represents a 50% interest in the largest portion of the library property that was granted to the town under the will of Winthrop Faulkner, around 1895, and there's no deed into the town for the other 50% interest.

Rather, based on the attached deed, under Faulkner's will, the town was granted a 50% interest in the property, and the American Unitarian Association (AUA) was granted the other 50% interest, and there's no paper/deed that I could locate, to back up the grant to the town.

As you can see by the attached AUA to the town, the AUA granted its 50% interest to the town on 3/13/1895, under Deed Book 1436, Pg 542.

In this deed, which I have attached to this email, the AUA deed states the town *"voted to take the whole of said premises towards its share…"* and their deed makes the town's ownership whole.

So, I'm writing because I wanted to update both of you regarding where I'm at with this easement, but I also wanted to let you know that unless the town has some sort of documentation (a copy of the will and/or the Vote?) I'll have to go to the Probate Court to research the will of Winthrop Faulkner.

This is also a challenge because it's considered a 'historic' document so it may take at least a couple more weeks to get this file to review at the Court as it's in storage. Once I get the necessary recitations from the Will, I will be able to forward the easement for execution by the BoS.

Any info or documents you can share would be helpful.

Thanks!

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939 Southbridge Street, 2nd Floor, Worcester, MA 01610

Special Town Meeting
May 2nd 1895

Warrant.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, Thursday the Second day of May next at 7-30 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd

To see if the Town will contract with the Grafton Electric Company for the furnishing of Electric lights by means of thirty-three (33) additional incandescent lamps of twenty-five (25) candle power each for the streets of said Town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon

to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
T. Wilmarth
Harrington Nichols
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

April 24th 1895.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, on Wednesday the twenty fourth day of April current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton May 2nd 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock this day and the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant. Clarence Sumner and Henry E Brooks were appointed Tellers to receive cast and count the votes for Moderator and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st was taken up.

Moderator — A ballot was taken the check list being used. Eight votes were cast. Leyman M Rice had eight votes and was declared elected and took the chair

Art 2nd taken up.

additional Lights — William E Fowler read a contract for additional Lights and made the following motion. That the Town of Grafton, for the purpose of securing additional Electric Street Lights, hereby agrees to the terms of the contract therefor, between the Town and the Electric Company, which is hereto annexed dated April ---- 1895 and hereby directs the Selectmen to execute the same in behalf of the Town, and to deliver said contract to the Grafton Electric Company, upon receipt from it of a duplicate contract duly executed by said Grafton Electric Company.

Arthur A Simmons offered the following amendment, That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Grafton Electric Company for Sundry Electric Lights not to exceed 33 in number according to contract heretofore entered into between

the town and the Grafton Electric Co as the same shall be absolutely needed. this amendment was accepted by Mr Fowler the mover of the original motion and was voted by a rising vote Clarence Simmons and Henry E Brooks were appointed as Tellers the vote was later result in the affirmative Eighty three in the negative Eighteen. and the motion offered by Arthur A Simmons was declared carried.

Appropriate $1 Eight hundred

On motion of Arthur A Simmons it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ($400.00) Dollars or such part there of as shall be needed by the taxes of the current year.

Voted to dissolve the warrant.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 6th 1895

Registrar of Voters

At the regular meeting of the board of Selectmen held this evening William E Donovan was elected a Registrar of Voters for three years.

J E Huckins
H E Brooks
H L Nichols
C Simmons

Selectmen of Grafton.

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

ssistant
wn Clerk

Groton Sept 7th 1895

Harry E Howe appointed Assistant Town Clerk by Edwin A Howe the Town clerk in accordance with Sec 1 chap 60 Acts of 1893

Attest Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Harry E Howe sworn as Assistant Town Clerk Sept. 7th. 1895 by Edwin A Howe Justice of the Peace.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

allots
estroyed

Groton Oct 7th 1895

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the package of ballots used at the Annual Town Meeting held March 4th 1895 said Ballots were in one package and were destroyed without their being opened or examined.

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Special Meeting Oct Seventh 1895.

Warrant.

Worcester SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Seventh day of October next 1895 at 7. 45 O'Clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd

Conveyance of Pupils

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the transportation of High School pupils to and from North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville.

Art 3rd

Repairs Furniture Schools

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars for repairs, Furniture and apparatus for High and Common Schools.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Office's in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return ~~of this return~~ of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time

and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of Sept. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E. Brooks
Harrington Le Nichol
Clarence Sumner
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester S.S.

Sept 30th 1895.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies there of at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Monday the thirtieth day of September current at 11 A.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton Oct. 7th 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the town met in the Town Hall this day meeting called to order at 7-45 o'clock P.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting Clarence Sumner and Henry E Brooks were appointed tellers to check the names and count the votes for Moderator.

Art 1st Taken up

Moderator A ballot was taken the check-list being used. Whole number of ballots cast thirteen Seymour Mckie had thirteen and was declared elected. and took the Chair

Art. 2 Taken up.

money for transportation High School Pupils

On motion of Stanley H Holmes it was voted that the town appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the transportation of High School pupils from North Grafton Farnumsville. Fisherville & Saundersville and the other parts of the town, the money to be raised by the Laws of 1896,

The vote by rising. 30 vote in the affirmative and none in the negative,

Art 3rd Taken up.

money for Repairs & Fixtures

On motion of Francis M McGarry that we raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars for Repairs, Fixtures, and apparatus, and it was voted by the laws of 1896 in the affirmative

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk

Lease of land from Finlayson Bousfield & Co to Town of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton Mass October 7th 1895

Know ye by these presents. Greeting

That an agreement has this day been entered into between Finlayson Bousfield and Co. (by its Agent) as party to the first part and the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton (by its Selectmen) as party to the second part. Whereas the party to the first part promise and agree to furnish for the use of the party to the second part, a certain piece of Land on South side of Street leading from Baptist Church in No Grafton to Finlayson Bousfield & Co Thread Mills. and adjoining land of Cereal Mills for the purpose of placing thereon an Engine House, which now stands on land of said Company with priveledge of building Shed in rear of said Engine House. Wherefor. the party to the second part promise and agree to remove from said piece of Land said Engine House upon due notice being given. By its Finlayson Bousfield & Co (or its Agent) So to do.

Z E Hutchins
H E Brooks.
H L Nichols
C Sumner

Archd W Finlayson
Finlayson Bousfield Jr

a true copy
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

State Election Nov 5th 1895

Warrant.

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, Two Representatives to the General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, District Attorney for the middle District, a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, Two Special Commissioner's for Worcester County, and a Sheriff for said County and in answer to the following question.

"Is it expedient that Municipal Suffrage be granted to Women"

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock A M, and may be closed at One P M, or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in

North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

F E Huckins
H E Brooks
Thos Wilmarth
H. L Nichols
C Sumner

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

October 31st 1895

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Monday the 28th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 6th 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall at seven o'clock in the forenoon ———

The meeting was called to order by Francis E Huckins Chairman of the board of Selectmen and the warrant was read by the Town Clerk ———

els & clos -4 P.M. On motion of Henry E Brooks it was voted that the Polls be closed at four o'clock P.M. ———

The first package of Ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered to the Chairman and his receipt taken therefor ———

allot Clerks. sworn Seyman M. Rice Republican and Clarence H. Putnam Democrat were sworn as Ballot Clerks by the Chairman

The Sample ballots and cards of instruction were posted in the voting Shelves and about the room as by law required ———

The seal upon the package of ballots was publicly broken and the ballots given to the ballot clerks

The ballot Box was opened and examined by the election Officers and publicly shown to be empty. It was then locked and the Keys given to Henry Manan (who was sworn by the Chairman) the constable in charge. the Register standing 0000

4 Sworn Henry E Brooks Democrat and Thomas Wilmarth Republican were placed in charge of the Original Check list. ———

The Polls were declared open at Seven o'clock and thirty minutes A.M. ———

4 Sworn Daniel E. Corey and H. Henry Prout Democrats were sworn as tellers by the Chairman ———

opened By unanimous consent of the election officers the Box was opened at 9-40 o'clock A.M. the Register standing at one hundred seventy one. the Chairman counted out in a loud voice one hundred and fifty (150) ballots. the Box was again closed and locked.

also at 1-45 p.m. the register standing at four hundred and fifty six and two hundred fifty ballots removed.

Harrington L. Nichols & Clarence Sumner Republican and Daniel E Corey & M Henry Prout Democrats were placed at one table as Tellers.

Polls closed The Polls were closed at four O'clock P.M. the Register on the Ballot Box standing Five hundred and forty nine the ballots were then counted out and one hundred and forty seven ballots removed making a total of Five hundred and forty seven ballots being two less than the number registered.

The names checked upon the Original and Duplicates check lists were counted in a loud voice by Layman M. Rice one of the Ballot clerks and five hundred forty seven names were checked the same number as ballots cast.

The ballots for each officer voted for having been canvassed and counted was declared as follows.

For Governor

Governor

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had	Two	(2)
Frederick T. Greenhalge of Leowell	" three hundred seventy three	(373)
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	" Fourteen	(14)
Moritz E Leither of Holyoke	" Two	(2)
George Fred. Williams of Dedham.	One hundred thirty nine	(139)
Blanks	Fifteen	15
Whole number		545

For Lieutenant Governor

Lieut Gov.

Thomas C Budington of Springfield had	Three	(3)
James L Grinnell of Greenfield	" one hundred thirty two	132)
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston	" Five	(5)
Edward L Rogers of Lee	" Twelve	(12)
Roger Wolcott of Boston had	three hundred sixty nine	(369)
Blanks		27
Whole number		545

For Secretary

ecretary of State	Edward J. Flynn of Boston had One hundred thirty-three	133
	Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn had One	1
	Charles D. Nash of Whitman " Seven	7
	William M. Olin of Boston " Three hundred sixty-one	361
	Willard C. Wylie of Essex " Fourteen	14
	Blank	29
	Whole number	545

For Treasurer

asurer	Martin W. Moran of Boston had Five	5
	Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg had Twelve	12
	Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport had Three hundred sixty	360
	Eben D. Stevens of Dudley had One hundred thirty	130
	Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn had Four	4
	Blank	34
	Whole number	545

For Auditor

ditor	John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had Three hundred fifty-nine	359
	Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield had One	1
	Andrew H. Patton of Danvers had Five	5
	Herman T. Pegnell of Attleborough had Zero	10
	Alfred C. Whitney of Boston had One hundred twenty-seven	127
	Blank	43
	Whole number	545

For Attorney General

rney	Frank M. Forbush of Natick had Eighteen	18
neral	Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn had One hundred twenty-seven	127
	Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had Three hundred fifty-two	352
	Squire C. Putney of Somerville had Five	5
	Conrad Reno of Boston had Three	3
	Blank	40
	Whole number	545

For Councillor Seventh District

Councillor
Christopher Albro of Milford had Seventeen 17
Charles E Stephens of Ware had Three hundred fifty-one 351
Ransom C. Taylor of Worcester had One hundred thirty-one 131
Blanks Forty six 46
Whole number 545

For Senator Second Worcester District

Senator
William H. Cook of Milford had Three hundred sixty one 361
John W. Corcoran of Clinton had One hundred fifty one 151
Blanks Thirty three 33
Whole number 545

For Representative 12th Worcester District

Representative
Charles M. Batchelder of Grafton had One hundred thirty two 132
John E. McClellan of Grafton " Three hundred fifty-eight 358
Miles F. Morse of Westborough " One hundred twelve 112
J. Henry Robinson of Southborough " Two hundred seventy six 276
Blanks Two hundred twelve 212
Whole number 1090

For District Attorney Middle District

District-Attorney
Edward McMahon of Worcester had One hundred twenty six 126
Herbert Parker of Lancaster had Three hundred sixty six 366
Blanks Fifty three 53
Whole number 545

For County Commissioner

County Commissioner
George W. Cook of Barre had Three hundred seventy one 371
William D. Morse of Southbridge had One hundred twenty four 124
Blanks Fifty 50
Whole number 545

For Special Commissioners

Special Commissioner
Augustus Howe of Gardner had Three hundred fifty 350
Howard M. Leane of Leominster had Three hundred eighteen 318
John L. McLaughlin of Milford had One hundred twelve 112
Oscar Olney of Westborough had One hundred eleven 111
Blanks One hundred ninety nine 199
Whole number 1090

For Sheriff

Sheriff

Robert H. Chamberlin of Worcester had	Three hundred seventy six	376
Joseph P. Moore of Webster had	One hundred twenty-six	126
Blanks	Forty three	43
Whole number		545

Question

Question all women have right to vote

"Is it expedient that municipal Suffrage be granded to women?"

Yes.	Men	One hundred twenty-three	123
No	"	Two hundred eighty four	284
Yes	Women		
No	"	Two	2
Blanks		One hundred thirty eight	138
Whole number			547

The record of the foregoing vote having been made the returns were made out signed and sealed.
The Check lists were sealed up in Seperate envelopes and indorsed. also the Ballots were sealed up in two seperate packages the used in one and the unused in another and all delivered to the Town Clerk as requires by law.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Town Clerks meeting to canvass votes

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the Towns of Berlin Grafton Northboro. Southboro. Shrewsbury and Westborough comprising the Twelfth Worcester Representative District was held in the Town Clerks office in Westborough Nov 15th at 12 Oclock M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representative in the General Court from said district. The returns as made by the Selectmen of the several Towns were opened and examined and it was found that John E McClellan of Grafton and J. Henry Robinson of Southborough were elected and the Certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the several Town Clerks.

Statement of Votes for Representatives in General Court 12th Worcester District, Mass.

Names of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
Charles M Batchelder	Grafton	15	132	43	39	33	189	451
John E McClellan	Grafton	111	358	165	111	167	432	1344
Miles F Nurse	Westborough	15	112	43	53	40	208	471
J Henry Robinson	Southborough	96	276	145	119	142	401	1179
George L Genther	Westborough						1	1
A F. Brown	Westborough						1	1
Blanks		61	212	120	84	104	228	809
		298	1090	616	406	486	1460	4256

We, the Town Clerks of the several towns of the Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the Fifth day of November 1895. for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District

Frank H Grossman Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B Howe Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry A McMasters Town Clerk of Southboro
George E Stone Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry L Chase Town Clerk of Westboro

Westborough Nov 15th 1895

A true copy Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

An Order

Granting to the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company the use of certain Streets and Highways in the Town of Grafton for the operation of an Electric Street Railway.

Section 1. After due notice and public hearing on the petition of a majority of the directors of the Blackstone Valley Street railway Company for the location of the tracks of the Company in certain streets and Highways of the town of Grafton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is hereby ordered and decreed by the Selectmen of said Town that permission is hereby granted to said Street Railway Company, its successors and assigns, to enter upon and to construct, maintain and operate a single track railway with the necessary turnouts and switches, curves and sidings, upon and along the following streets and highways in said Town, to wit:-

Commencing at the boundary line between the towns of Grafton and Sutton on the main road between Wilkinsonville and Saundersville, thence running through said road to Saundersville, thence through Railroad Street so called by Saundersville Railroad Station, thence following said Railroad Street to the main road between Saundersville and Fisherville to Fisherville, thence through the main road between Fisherville and Farnumsville to Farnumsville, at a point on said road near the Post Office at Farnumsville, thence through the main road from Farnumsville to Rockdale to a point on said road at the boundary line between the towns of Grafton and Northbridge.

Section 2. Said Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby granted

the right to use upon the whole or any part of its tracks as the same are now or hereafter may be located over said route, animal or other motive power except steam, and especially electricity supplied to the cars by means of a single overhead trolley wire, the electrical current being completed by the rails of the road, suitably connected at their ends, or connected with a supplementary ground wire, and for this purpose said Company its successors and assigns are hereby expressly authorized and empowered to lay and connect said ground circuit as aforesaid, and to erect and maintain in and along any and all of the public streets and highways upon which the tracks of said Company are herein located, such posts, brackets, cross arms, wire and fixtures as may be required to properly support and maintain the overhead trolley and feed wires,

Section 3. The authority and permission herein granted is subject to the following terms and restrictions, viz:-

(A) The gauge of the track shall be four feet eight and one half inches (4' 8½"). The Railway Company shall keep that portion of the streets and highways as are included between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen (18) inches outside thereof, at all times flush with the top of the track, and shall keep the same in good repair, and safe for public travel to the acceptance of the Selectmen,

(B) The rails shall be those known "T" rails and weighing not less than sixty (60) pounds to the yard, except where the Selectmen may require the laying of a girder rail, and there such rail shall be laid. Said rails shall be laid on chestnut or cedar sleepers, said sleepers to be laid not more than thirty (30) inches between centres, and to be of suitable size to firmly hold the spikes for the rails.

(C) The curves, turnouts, and switches shall be given by the Selectmen of the Town, and the tracks shall be laid to conform with the present grade of the street

however
If at any future time the grade of the street in which the tracks of the said Railway Company are located, is changed then said Company shall at its own expence, change its tracks to conform with the same. And whenever the track is located by the side of the travelled part of the said highway the road bed shall be widened if necessary by said Company, so as to give eighteen (18) feet of travelled road in width outside of the track, for the use of the teams and the general public travel, and such widening shall in all cases be done before the sleepers and tracks are laid

(D) At all cross walks and street crossings which are now or may hereafter be provided for foot passengers, the same material as used by the Town shall be used by the said Company between its tracks and for a distance eighteen (18) inches outside thereof and at and opposite all driveways, which may lead to the street on that side thereof on which said track is located, material to the acceptance of the Selectmen shall be used by said Company to make such approaches to said street and over said tracks safe for public travel. All such crossings, driveways and approaches are to be kept in repair to the approval of the Selectmen of Grafton at the expence of said Railway Company. Wherever roads or streets enter the road and streets in which such tracks are laid, so that the travel shall have to cross said tracks the Railway Company shall pave the space between the rails and eighteen (18) inches outside each rail, to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the whole length of track over which the public travel passes.

(E) During the construction of said Railway, said Company shall not unreasonably impede public travel on any of the streets or highways aforesaid, and all of said streets in which tracks are to be laid by said Railway Company, which are obstructed or damaged in any way in consequence of the acts of said Railway Company, shall be left by said Railway Company

in good and safe condition, and in event of any street in which said tracks are located being improved or repaired, the portion of said tracks between the rails and for eighteen (18) inches outside thereof shall be improved or repaired by said Railway Company so as to conform with the other parts of the street.

(7) The poles used shall be chestnut poles not less than thirty (30) feet long, seven inches (7") at top, they shall be straight and well shaved, and through the villages shall be square poles with chamfered corners. All poles used in such construction shall be placed in or adjacent to the line of the curb of the sidewalk, or otherwise under the direction of the Selectmen. They shall be set not less than six (6) feet in the ground, and painted not less than two (2) coats of paint and one coat of paint every two years thereafter if so instructed by the Selectmen such color as the Selectmen may designate.

Whenever the location of any pole is in soft ground, the Railway Company shall use cement to properly hold the same in upright position. The cross wires or brackets as the case may be, for the support of the trolley wire, shall be attached to said polls at such height as to maintain said trolley wire at every point of suspension not less than eighteen (18) feet above the surface of the street.

(8) The Railway Company shall place and at all times maintain such guard wires as the Selectmen may from time to time require.

(9) All snow or other material placed upon the streets or sidewalks of said Grafton by said Railway Company, in consequence of keeping the tracks of said company open for public travel; or for any other this cause, shall be promptly removed by said Railway Company and the street left in such condition as to be safe for public travel; and failing to do this, within a reasonable time, said Selectmen may cause the same to be removed and charge all expense thereof to the said Railway Company. and salt or other foreign substance shall be used on the tracks, only with the approval of the Selectmen

(i) The Selectmen of the Town, for the purpose of repairing the highway, or repairing or extending its water or sewer system or for other public works, and the engineers of the Fire Department of said Town, in case of fire along the line of said Railway may may take up or obstruct the track, or cut the wires of said Company without being liable in damages to said Company. or if the said wires or the tracks shall be broken or taken up from any cause connected with the works being performed by the Town, or any of its officers or authorized agents in the construction of any public works they shall be repaired by the Company at the said Company's expence

(j) The said Company may trim such trees as shall be necessary for the erection of the wires, but trees shall be trimed only under the supervision of a competent person, who shall be appointed by the board of Selectmen, and the expence of whom shall be paid by the Railway Company.

(k) The construction of said Railway shall be commenced within sixty days after the date of the certificate of organization, and shall be completed and in operation before June 1st 1894

(l) The Railway shall at all times provide sufficient and suitable cars and run the same at such intervals as will reasonably and comfortably accomodate the citizens of the town.

(m) The said Company shall pay and save the said Town harmless from all claims and damage resulting to person and property by reason of the construction or use of said track, poles, wires and other structures and also from the use of electricity by said Company, and said Town shall promptly notify said Company of any suit or claim brought against it and said Company shall defend all such suits at its own expense.

(n) Wherever the construction of the railway makes it in the opinion of the Selectmen, necessary to change the water cours- courses the Railway Company shall

shall make such changes of water courses and build such catch basins or culverts as the Selectmen may order If in the construction of the road it shall become necessary to remove or relocate any poles belonging to any other Corporation the Railway Company shall pay the reasonable expenses of removing and relocating the same. said removal or relocation to be ordered by the Selectmen, and the Company owning the same to do the work At the Blackstone river at Fisherville the said Company shall cross the stream on a structure to be built at the expense of said Company and said structure shall be located on the southerly side of the present bridge and independant thereof except as to the abuttments if the same shall prove to be available The crossing in all respects to be satisfactory to the Selectmen.

(f) All places which the building of said Railway shall in the judgement of the Selectmen have made dangerous so as to require a railing. it shall be railed or fenced by the Railway Company to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

(g) The said Company shall accept this order or location together with all and singular conditions and agreements. by filing with the Clerk of the Selectmen such acceptance in writing within thirty (30) days from the receipt of notice granting said order by said Selectmen. as may be acceptable to said Board This franchise is granted for the period of thirty (30) years from the date of its acceptance by the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company and is exclusive during said period of thirty (30) years and provided the said Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company or its successors and assigns shall have given satisfactory service during the said period of thirty years it shall be given the first privilege of renewal under the conditions that may

be imposed at that time

F. E Huckins
H. E Brooks
Thos Wilmarth
Harrington L Nichols
Clarence Sumner

Selectmen
of
Grafton
Massachusetts

Grafton, Mass
Aug. 19, 1895

Worcester, Mass. August 20, 1895.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen,-

You are hereby notified that the Directors of the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company have this day accepted the order adopted by your honorable Board the nineteenth day of August, 1895, notice of which was received by said Directors the twentieth day of August, 1895, granting to said Railway Company the use of certain Streets in said Grafton, to wit:- Providence, Railroad, and Providence Street, for the operation of an electric Railway in accordance with the provision of said order.

Fred A. Seaphan.
Chas Buck
J. H Ferguson
Herbert A Ryan
E. E. Moore
L. E Chase
S. M Snow

Directors of the
Blackstone Valley
Street Railway
Company.

A true copy of the order and the acceptance of the same

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Special Meeting

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton,
in the County of Worcester ____ Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the 19th day of November 1895 at eight o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles to wit;

Art 1st.

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd

move rom for Library

To see if the town will vote to add to the present accommodations for the Free Public Library in the Town House. (a) so much of the premises in said town house lately occupied by the First National Bank as is situate north of a line drawn from a point one foot north of the front line of the vault on said premises and running paralel with the front wall of said town house to the partition between said Bank premises and the waiting room so called (b) Also so much of the present waiting room so called in said town house as is situate north of a line drawn from a point at the northerly side of the door-way to the Ticket Office in said waiting room and running paralel with the front of said town house to the partition now between said waiting room and said Bank premises. And to reserve and change old partition walls and build new ones and to fit up said premises in a manner suitable for library use and conveniences.

Art 3rd

Treasurer receive money for sale of lots in Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote authorize its Treasurer in behalf of the Town to execute receipts for monies deposited with the Town, the income thereof to be used in the care and improvement of Cemetery Lots under the provisions of Sec 17 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Chapter 186 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 188 and of such amendments thereto if any, as may be applicable, Said receipts to read substantially as follows to wit:— Received of — the sum of — dollars this deposit being made with and received by the Town of Grafton under authority and provisions of Sec 17 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Chapter 186 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 1886, and of such amendments thereto if any as may be applicable, the income of said sum to be applied for the preservation care improvement and embelishment of the burial lot or its appurtenances in the — Cemetery in Grafton now or late belonging to — being lot numbered — in said Cemetery

Art 4th

Selectmen and Town Clerk use rooms.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk to occupy the rooms lately occupied by the First National Bank or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and ninety five

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
P Wilmarth
H. L Nichols
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S.

November 18th 1895

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Monday the eleventh day of november current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 19th 1895

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall on Tuesday Nov 19th at eight o'clock P. M. and the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Henry E Brooks and Harrington L Nichols as tellers.

Art 1st was taken up.

Moderator A ballot was taken for Moderator the check list being used. Chairman M Rice had twelve

votes being all that was cast and he was declared elected and took the Chair.

Art 2 taken up.

The following motion was made by T. Ernest Allen "That the present accomodations in the Town house for the Free Public Library be and hereby are increased by adding to the present floor space in the following manner, to wit:- (a) So much of the premises in said Town-house lately occupied by the first National Bank, as is situate North of a line drawn from a point one foot North of the front line of the Vault on said premises, and running parallel with the front wall of said Town-house to the partition between said bank premises and the waiting room so called. (b) Also so much of the present waiting room so called, in said Town-house, as is situate North of a line drawn from a point at the northerly extremity of the door-way to the ticket office in said waiting room, parallel with the front of said Town-house to the partition now between said waiting room and said bank premises. And, that, for the purpose of said increase of accomodations existing partition walls shall remain or be removed, and such new partition walls be built, and such changes be made in the fittings, as shall render the premises suitable for library use and convenience. And that, furthermore, all of said changes shall be made at a cost of not to exceed Three hundred and fifty Dollars ($350.00) which said sum is hereby appropriated and ordered to be assessed in and raised from the Levy of the year 1896"

Addition to Library Room

Francis E Hutchins called for the ruling of the Chair whether we can appropriate money under this warrant. And the Moderator ruled the following clause of the motion out of order, to wit:-

"Which said sum is hereby appropriated and ordered

to be assessed in, and raised from the Taxes of the year 1896" the motion was put to vote and declared lost. the vote being doubted Henry E Brooks and Harrington De Nichols were appointed and sworn as tellers. a vote was then taken by rising with the following result in the affirmative thirty (30) in the negative sixty three (63) and the motion declared lost.

Art 3 taken up.

Treasurer authorized

The following motion was made by A. A. Simmons That the Treasurer be instructed and authorized to execute receipts substancially as follows. to wit:-

"Treasurer's Office
Town of Grafton Massachusetts $

18.

Form of Receipt Cemetery money

Received of ——— The sum of ——— Dollars This Deposit being made with and received by the Town of Grafton under the authority and provision of Section 17 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statute of the Commonwealth of Chapter 186 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1884 and of such amendments thereto, if any, as may be applicable:- the Income of said sum to be applied for the preservation, care, improvement and embellishment of the burial lot or its appurtenances in the ——— Cemetery in Grafton now or late belonging to ——— being Lot numbered ——— in said Cemetery

Treasurer of the Town of Grafton"

and the motion was declared in the affirmative

Art 4 taken up.

On Motion it was voted to pass over the Art.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Hoar
Town Clerk

Worcester, Mass., August 20, 1895.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
of the town of Grafton
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen,-

You are hereby notified that the Directors of the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company have this day accepted the order adopted by your Honorable Board the nineteenth day of August, 1895; notice of which was received by said Directors the twentieth day of August, 1895; granting to said Railway Company the use of certain streets in said Grafton, to wit:- Providence Railroad and Providence Streets, for the operation of an Electric Railway, in accordance with the provisions of said order.

Fred A Seapham
Chas Buck.
J. H. Ferguson
Herbert A. Ryan
E. E. Hoore
L. E. Chase
S. M. Snow

Directors of the
Blackstone Valley
Street Railway Company.

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Hoore

(Duplicate) A record of this was made on page 85.

see page 85

Annual Town Meeting
March 2d 1896

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, ____ Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the second day of March next 1896 at Seven o'clock, A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit: ____

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd

To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the committee on Common for three years, One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for three years to fill vacancy one committee on Common for two years to fill vacancy one Town House Committee for two years to fill vacancy One Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years to fill vacancy. And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town? ____

The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name, ——
The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7.30 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at One O'clock, P. M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct, Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. ——

Art 3rd

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon, ——

Art 4th.

To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon, ——

Art 5th

To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon, ——

Art 6th

To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon, ——

Art 6th

To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon, ——

Art 8th

To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon, ——

Art 9th

To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year. ——

Art 10th

To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town, _____

Art 11th

To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use

Art 12th

To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon

Art 13th

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars for Riverside Cemetery, or act thereon. _____

Art 14th

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Fairview Cemetery, or act thereon, _____

Art 15th

To see if the Town will vote to place one additional Electric Light on Millbury Street between Houses of James Fanning and James Brown in Center. Also one between Fisherville and Saundersville in South part of Town. And raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon, _____

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. _____

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town

Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six

Francis E Huckins
H. E. Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
Harrington & Nichols
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S.

February 22 nd 1896

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 22nd day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest.
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk,

Grafton March 2nd 1896

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town at Seven o'clock A.M. Monday March 2nd 1896. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Art 1st

Moderator — Francis E Huckins and Henry E Brooks appointed as tellers in counting the vote for Moderator. A Ballot was taken the check list being used. Eight ballots cast all for Seyman M Rice who was declared elected and took the chair. The specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted in the voting stalls and around the Hall as required by law.

Clarence Sumner Republican and Clarence N Putnam Democrat having been appointed ballot clerks by the Selectmen, were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Francis E Huckins Alden M Bigelow Samuel B Hale jr Republicans and Henry E Brooks, Perley Goddard and William E Donovan Democrats were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk. Harry E. Howe was appointed to tend the ballot box. and was sworn by the Town Clerk. Francis E Huckins and Henry E Brooks were placed at the check list at the polls.

Polls opened — The polls were opened at 7.30 a m.

The ballot box was opened, examined and shown to be empty, and the Register standing at 0000. It was then locked and the Keys given to James Carey the Constable in charge.

Meeting adjourned — Voted that no other article be taken up today, that the Polls be closed at 3 o'clock P.M. and immediately after the vote is declared this meeting stand adjourned until Saturday March 7th at 1.30 o'clock P.M.

During the voting the ballot box was opened by the unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk for the purpose of taking out ballots and sorting and counting the same
First at 9 a.m. when it registered 69 and fifty ballots removed
Then at 10.30 a.m. when it registered 178 and one hundred ballots removed. Then at 2 P.M. when it registered 356 and one hundred ballots removed. And at the close of the polls 3 o'clock P.M. when the ballot box registered 468 and two hundred and thirty two ballots removed making Four hundred and eighty two ballots removed.
First at the polls counted aloud and the number announced as follows. Four hundred and Eighty two.. First at Ballot Clerks Table counted aloud and the number announced as four hundred and eighty-two, Edward K Deffeau & John J Fleming appointed as Ballot Clerks to act as Tellers and sworn by Town Clerk.
The discrepancy between the ballot-box and the actual count was due to the ballot-box failing to register correctly.

The ballots having been sorted and counted, the Moderator declared the vote for Town Clerk as follows

Whole number of ballots 482.
Edwin A Hoare Three hundred thirty nine
Blanks One hundred forty three
and declared Edwin A Hoare elected and was at once sworn by the Moderator to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office.
The vote for the remaining town officers was declared as follows by the Town Clerk to wit:-

For Selectmen

Whole number of ballots cast 2410

Henry E Brooks had Three hundred eighty five.
Francis E Huckins had Three hundred one.
Harrington & Nichols Two hundred seventy

Henry E Burk Francis E Hickey Harvey M Gilmarth declared elected and Henry E Burk Harvey M Gilmarth Clarence Sumner Clarence N Putnam Fred A Dodge Ezra Adams A G Getchell Blank

Clarence Sumner Three hundred eighty three
Clarence N. Putnam Two hundred eighty.
Thomas Wilmarth Three hundred thirty five
Fred A. Dodge One
Ezra Adams Eighty nine
A. G. Getchell One.
Blank Four hundred five.

For Treasurer.

Whole number of ballots Sum Mar 6th by the Town Clerk 482
Arthur A. Simmons had Four hundred four.
Blank Seventy eight
Arthur A. Simmons declared elected.

Treasurer

For Assessor for three years.

Assessor

Whole number of ballots Sum Mar 6th by the Town Clerk 482
Leyman M Rice had Three hundred seventy five
C H Nelson One
Blanks One hundred six
Leyman M Rice declared elected Sworn

For Tax Collector

Tax Collector

Whole number of ballots 482
Edwin A Moore had Four hundred eight
Blanks Seventy four
Edwin A Moore declared elected. Sworn Mar 14/96

For Overseer of the Poor for Three years

Overseer of the Poor

Whole number of ballots 482
Henry Hall had One hundred eighty
Willard P. Knight Sum Mar 6th by the Town Clerk Two hundred twenty five
Ezra Adams One
Blank Seventy six
Willard P Knight declared elected

For School Committee for three years

chool ommittee
Whole number of ballots 482
Warren B. Maxwell had Three hundred seventy five
Blanks One hundred seven
Warren B. Maxwell was declared elected,

For Common Committee for three years

ommon ommittee
Whole number of ballots 482,
George W. Fisher notice of acceptance rec'd Mar 6-99 had Three hundred eighty two
Blanks One hundred
George W. Fisher declared elected,

For Common Committe for two years Vacancy

Whole number of ballots 482
ommon ommittee
John E. McClellan had Three hundred thirty three,
W. P Knight One
Blank One hundred forty eight.
John E McClellan declared elected,

For Truslee of Riverside Cemetery for five years.

ruslee erside C.
Whole number of ballots 482,
D. Webster Norcross had Three hundred fifty nine
Blank one hundred twenty three
D Webster Norcross declared elected, accepts Mar 4/99

For Truslee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years.

uslee Grove C.
Whole number of ballots 482
Henry E. Brooks had One hundred eighty nine
Amos G. Getchell One hundred ninety six
Blank ninety seven,
Amos G. Getchell declared elected,

For Truslee of Pine Grove Cemetery for this year "Vacancy"

Whole Number of ballots 482
uslee Grove C.
Aaron Elliot had One hundred twenty five
Ashley W. Rice Two hundred eighty two
Blank ninety five
Ashley W Rice declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years
Whole number of ballots cast 482

Trustee Fairview "C" Loren S Davis had One hundred twenty seven
Notary of acceptance Rec'd Mar 6-44
George W. Fisher Two hundred forty nine
Blanks One hundred nine. And
George W. Fisher declared elected

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for One Year "Vacancy"

Trustee Fairview "C" Whole number of ballots 482
Notice of acceptance rec'd Mar 6.
Charles J. Wilder had Three hundred thirty two
Blank One hundred fifty and
Charles J. Wilder declared elected.

Town House Committee for three years

Town House Committee Whole number of ballots 482
Daniel N. Gibbs had Three hundred forty seven
Acceptance Rec'd Mar 4th 44
Blank One hundred thirty five. And
Daniel N. Gibbs declared elected

Town House Committee for two years "Vacancy"

Town House Committee Whole number of ballots 482
Solon F. Smith had Three hundred fifty two
Blank One hundred thirty. And
Solon F. Smith declared elected.

Auditors

Whole number of ballots 1446
Auditors John A. Barry had One hundred eighty one
George E Bitgood One hundred forty one
John J. Feuge Two hundred one
Sworn Mar 16th by Luther K Leeney Justice of the Peace
Sworn Mar 5th 1844 by Elias Leeds
Charles H. Miles two hundred fifty one
Clarence R. Pratt Three hundred
Park H Webb one
Blanks Three hundred ninety one. and
John J Feuge. Charles H. Miles and
Clarence R Pratt declared elected.

For Constables

overstatte Whole number of ballots 385

James Carney had Three hundred forty three
Amos G. Getchell Two hundred ninety four
William A. Getchell Two hundred eighty three
James Harding Three hundred fourteen
Edward V Hitchings Two hundred eighty six
Henry Mann Three hundred seventeen
W. Henry Miles Two hundred forty
Addington A Smith Two hundred seventy seven
William P Spencer Three hundred
John H. Brown one
A. Bradish One.
Blanks Twelve hundred one,

James Carney Mr2. Sum by moderator
Amos G Getchell Mar 5-96 Sum by Supervisors D.B. Rice
William A. Getchell Mar 2-96 Sum by the moderator
James Harding Sum Mar 7th by Wilmarth D.B. Sum by moderator
Edward V. Hitchings Sum Mar 7th by Town Clerk
Henry Mann Mr 2-96 Sum by Town Clerk Mar 5-96
Addington A. Smith
William P. Spencer.

were declared elected

Shall Licence be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors

Whole number of ballots 482

license Yes Two hundred thirty two
No Two hundred seven
Blanks forty three

The check lists and ballots were sealed up in seperate packages and record made of the result of the Ballot

On Motion of A A Simmons it was voted to reconsider so much of the vote whereby we voted to adjourn until Saturday Mar 7th 1-30 P.M.

Voted to amend the motion that we adjourn until Saturday March 14th at 1-30 o clock P.M. and the motion passed as amended

Meeting then adjourned to Mar 14th 1-30 p m

This vote reconsidered & expunged before the result of the ballot was declared

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton March 7th 1896

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made.

For Railroad Police Wilbur E Trussell. Sworn Mar 11 J Wilmarth J P

For Registrar of Voters for three years
Benjamin F Gibson

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 14th 1896

At a special Meeting of the Selectmen Fred H. Richardson was appointed Special Police for Farnumsville Sworn March 18th 1896 by Town Clerk

Perley Goddard appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions. Sworn Mar 16th 1896 by Town Clerk

C Sumner Clerk

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 14th 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment from March second the legal voters met in the Town Hall at one o'clock and thirty minutes P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Seyman M. Rice the Moderator.

On motion of Perley Goddard the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Art 2nd taken up.

fence viewers — Chose by nomination three Fence Viewers as follows Perley Goddard, David L. Fiske Franklin Worcester and they sworn by the Moderator in open meeting.

Chose by nomination the following persons for Field drivers.

field drivers — E Clifford Hall, Joseph L. Keith, sum March 14th L. M. Keith J.P. H. Leonard Crayton Charles Whitney and William L. Goyne. sum Apr 9. Perley Goddard J.P.

Agent to bring suit — Voted that the Chairman of the Selectmen be the Agent of the Town to bring suit or to defend any suit that may be brought against the Town.

Town Officers nominated by — Voted that all remaining Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen,

Art 3rd taken up.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen as printed which is as follows

Selectmen's Report.

Selectmen Report — To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton:—

Your Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending Feb 1st 1896.

They have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer which have been paid by him, as per his report, in payment of the following bills against the Town, to wit;

Officers' Salaries.

Town Clerk.

Appropriation		75 00
Edwin A. Hoare	75 00	

Treasurer.

Appropriation			100	00
Arthur A. Simmons	100	00		

Selectmen

Appropriation			2000	00
Francis E. Hueckins				
Henry E. Brooks,				
Thomas Wilmarth	300	00		
Harrington L. Nichols				
Clarence Sumner,				
Edwin A. Howe Financial Clerk				

Assessors

Joseph A. Dodge,	170	00
John A. Sweetser	124	00
Leyman M. Rice	96	00

Overseers of the Poor.

Henry L. Banister	125	00
Silas Vinton	25	00
Erastus Adams	40	00

Tax Collector

Edwin A. Howe	442	31

Registrars of Voters

Benjamin F. Gibson		
Charles M. Batchelder	100	00
William E. Donovan		
Town Clerk		

Sextons

Benjamin F. Gibson	169	75
Amos L. Getchell	225	75
J. Frank Donahue	257	50

Constables,

James Carney	9	00
Henry Mann	5	00
Amos L. Getchell	28	00
William A. Getchell	5	40

James Harding	7	50		
Alexander Jefferson	5	00		
William P. Spencer	7	50		
Special Police				
Alfred E. Lowell	7	50		
John Holden	6	00		
Edward De Osey	5	00		
Fred H Richardson	9	50		
William L Fletcher	5	00		
Registering Births. Marriages. Deaths	92	25		
Balance			2319	56
	2319	56	2319	56
School Committee				
Appropriation			250	00
Francis M McGarry	57	50		
Warren B. Maxwell	57	50		
D. Webster Norcross	67	50		
Balance Unexpended	67	50		
	250		250	00
Superintendent of Schools				
Appropriation			800	00
From State			562	50
Stanley H Holmes	1312	50		
Balance Unexpended	49	99		
	1362	50	1362	50
Bond, Town Treasurer				
Appropriation			200	00
Paid	200	00		
Schools *	Appropriated		Expended	
High School Teachers	2400	00	2363	58
Common School Teacher	8300	00	9186	69
Fuel and Janitors	1350	00	1364	18
Books and Supplies	900	00	896	30
Repairs and Fixtures	1400	00	1403	43
Miscellaneous	250	00	270	00

Conveyance of pupils, Common Schools	630	00	927	00
Conveyance of pupils High School	200	00	159	00
From State School fund	219	20		
From State by reason of Superintendent of Schools	375	00		
Interest on Town bond	60	00		
Balance	486	42		
	1677	62	1677	62

Support of Poor.*

Selectmens Orders	7179	65		
Appropriation			5500	00
Received from farm			1816	13
Received from Town and State			397	71
			7713	84
Decrease of inventory			172	48
Balance unexpended	361	71		
	7541	36	7541	36

Fire Department.*

Appropriation			1400	00
Paid Alden M. Bigelow, chief	1358	78		
Unexpended	41	22		
	1400	00	1400	00

Hydrant Rental.

Appropriation			2500	00
Paid Grafton Water Co.	2500	00		

Memorial Day.*

Appropriation			100	00
Paid A B R Sprague Post 24 G A R	100	00	100	00

Town House.*

Committee running expenses	897	43		
Income from Town House.			828	50
Balance			68	93
	897	43	897	43

Street Lights

Appropriation			2200	00
Paid Grafton Electric Co	2049	99		
Unexpended	150	01		
	2200	00	2200	00

Soldiers Relief Chap. 298 Acts 1889.

Appropriation			100	00
Amount expended	70	00		
Unexpended	30	00		
	100	00	100	00

Highways*

Appropriation			4,000	00
Paid John E. McClellan Supt of Streets	4274	47		
Overdraft			274	47
	4274	47	4274	47

Snow bills

Appropriation			1000	00
Paid John E. McClellan Supt of Streets	700	07		
Unexpended	299	93		
	1000	00	1000	00

Sidewalks

Appropriation			600	00
Paid John E McClellan Supt of Streets	814	10		
Betterments			146	67
Overdrawn			67	43
	814	10	814	10

Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Appropriation			500	00
Paid Joseph A Dodge	500	00		

Moving and repairing Engine House North Grafton,

Appropriation			300	00
Paid Francis E Huckins	300	00		

Free Public Library

Appropriation, Dog fund			669	02
Appropriation, delivery of books in village			125	00
Paid H. L. Nichols, Treasurer of Trustees	794	02		
	794	02	794	02

Miscellaneous.

Appropriation			1500	00
A. J. Kirby dinner for election officers Mar 4 Nov 5	12	50		
Gilbert G. Davis, printing town Reports and ballots	188	60		
William W. Lewis, record book	7	50		
Election officers, March 4th	42	50		
Edward Beauregard putting up voting booths Mar 4	2	50		
Danford Sawtelle & Co Stationery etc	33	30		
P. B. Murphy dog licence blanks	3	50		
Aaron R. Gay, blank books	1	40		
H. G. Dimond, stamps, etc	6	02		
M. R. Warren, licence blanks	4	26		
David L. Fiske Insurance	7	50		
James Carney posting warrants	18	50		
Danford Sawtelle & Co trunk for Treasurer	2	00		
G. G. Davis Printing	2	75		
E. P. Goulding, services	60	00		
A. D. Stone printing	46	50		
H. M. Rigg express	2	00		
H. M. Meek, blanks	1	75		
Wm E. Fowler, services	5	60		
Express	1	00		
A. J. Ford, mowing old Cemetery, Farmumsville	6	00		
J. A. Dodge insurance	375	87		
A. S. Getchell, forest fires	5	40		
F. J. Barnard, services	8	00		
F. E. Hickey, perambulating Town lines	5	50		
H. L. Nichols " " "	7	50		
Clarence Sumner " " "	10	00		
Henry E. Brooks " " "	2	50		
W. R. Spencer, care of Geo. H. Fitzgerald	2	00		

A. G. Getchell, soldiers burrial	35	00
Samuel Wilde, mowing old cemetery	20	00
Thompson and Wheeler survey of State Road	160	50
E. A. Coe, expenses on town reports and sundries for Office	17	45
Dr E. W. Perry, agent of Board of Health	67	00
Assessors books and blanks	11	70
A. G. Stone printing	33	25
W. T. Barker, room for Registrars of voters	1	00
Mrs J. C. Reeby, use watering trough	5	00
Perley Goddard use watering trough	5	00
Perley Goddard Inspector of animals and Provisions Services & expenses	105	55
F. H. Clapp, vaccinating School Children	14	00
Sanford Saunders Co. blanks for Treasurer	7	50
J. C. Hall, stationery for Treasurer	10	00
Election officers, Nov 5th	32	50
Mrs Allen medicine for School Children	5	00
George Mathews, team	2	00
Silas Vinton & Son team	2	00
John E. McClellan, improvements Ravenswood Riverside Cemetery	74	58
John E. McClellan, inspector B. & A. R.R.	30	00
John McCausslin, damages on highway	50	00
Dr Charles A. Lessier birth returns	4	50
Dr Frank H. Clapp " "	8	00
Dr D. Lessier " "	1	75
Dr E. D. Seaforce " "	5	75
Dr Joseph Bachard " "	2	50
Dr E. W. Perry " "	1	25
Dr F. A. Jewett " "		50
Dr Lincoln Millbury " "		25
Edward C. Bates services	10	00
F. E. Huckins postage, etc	8	39
Arthur A. Simmons, sundries	5	25
Arthur A. Simmons expert service on Treasurer's accounts	25	00

E. A. Howe. Express, postage & Sundries for office	9	23	
Expenses to Westboro Nov 15th	2	00	
Posting Registrars Notice and Voting Lists	4	50	
Balance	1648	21	148 21
	1648	21	1648 21

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 21 1895	267	78	
Borrowed on notes	24278	78	
From all other sources	59119	48	
			83,666.04

Expenditures

Selectmen's Orders	44186	95	
Town bonds paid	15000	00	
Town notes paid	24600	00	
All other payments	10769	85	
Cash on hand Feb 17th 1896	709	24	
			83666 04

Financial Statement
Liabilities

Bonds issued 1889	66000	00	
Note to Grafton Saving Bank	1000	00	
Notes of other source	2278	78	
Cemetery funds	990	00	
			70268 78

Available Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	709	24	
Cash in hands of Overseers of Poor	300	00	
Cash in hands of Collector of Taxes	411	16	
Uncollected Taxes of 1893	20	90	
" " " 1894	84	70	
" " " 1895	2034	19	
Sidewalk Assessment 1893	43	00	
" " 1895	82	35	
Due from the State (State and Military Aid)	741	00	

Due from State (inspection of animals & Provisions)	52	78		
Due from other Towns and State for support of Poor	210	50		
Personal property (town farm)	3969	60		
			8659	32
Debt less available assets,			61609	36
Net debt Feb. 1895	64898	96		
Net debt Feb 1896	61609	36		
Decrease of debt	3289	60		

Special appropriation to be raised by taxation in 1896 700 00

Amount expended 700 00

Appropriations	1895	We recommend
Town bonds Nos 19. 20. 21	1500 00	1500 00
Interest	3000 00	3000 00
High School teachers	2400 00	2450 00
Common School teachers	8300 00	8550 00
Fuel and janitors	1550 00	1450 00
Books and supplies	900 00	900 00
Repairs and Fixtures	900 00	1200 00
" " " special appropriation	500 00	
Miscellaneous for schools	250 00	250 00
Conveyance of pupils. common schools	630 00	1200 00
" " " high school	200 00	300 00
Fire Department	1400 00	1400 00
Highways	4000 00	4000 00
Sidewalks north ½ 2 cts South ½ 2 cts, Center ½ 2 cts	600 00	600 00
Support of poor	5500 00	5500 00
Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer & School Com	2000 00	2000 00
Town Clerks Salary	75 00	75 00
Town Treasurers salary	100 00	100 00
School Committee	250 00	200 00
Superintendent of Schools	800 00	800 00
Free Public Library	Dog fund	Dog fund
Delivery of books at North Evereti	50 00	40 00

Delivery of books at Farnumsville	25	00	25	00
" " " " Fisherville	25	00	25	00
" " " " Saundersville	25	00	25	00
Grafton Water Co. Hydrant Rental	2500	00	2500	00
Memorial Day.	100	00	100	00
Common	100	00	100	00
Soldiers Aid Chap. 289. Acts 1889	100	00	300	00
Snow bills	1000	00	500	00
Riverside Cemetery	500	00		
Moving Engine house at No Grafton	300	00		
Treasurers bond.	200	00	200	00
Grafton Electric Co Street lighting	2000	00	2400	00
" " " " Special appropriation	200	00		
Miscellaneous	1500	00	1500	00
Insurance			450	00
Military Aid	200	00	200	00
Prosecution of liquor cases			300	00
New hose for Fire Department			120	00

Respectfully submitted
F. E. Huckins
H. E. Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
H. L. Nichols
C. Sumner.
Selectmen of
Grafton

Grafton Feb 17th 1896

Examined and found correct.
F. H. Clapp.
Auditor

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer as printed

Treasurer's Report

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A. A. Simmons, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Grafton, Mass.:

Dr.

To cash from H. F. Wing, Treasurer, being balance on hand February 23, 1895, as shown in his report			267	78
From Town House Committee rents of Stores, Hall, etc			828	50
From E. A. Howe Collector of Taxes			4385	97
From Deposits for Permanent care of Cemetery Lots under vote of Town, as follows.				
Chas Putnam Fund	100	00		
Freeman M. Marble Fund	100	00		
Pauline F. Mowry Fund	50	00		
Lucy Whitney Fund	50	00	300	00
From the Commonwealth as follows				
Corporation Tax	1270	35		
National Bank Tax	571	21		
Military Aid Chap. 279 Acts 1889	84	00		
State Aid Chap. 301 Acts 1889	590	80		
Support of State Paupers,	32	00		
Burial of State Paupers	12	50		
Income of School Fund.	219	20		
Account of Superintendent of Schools	932	50	3716	76
From County of Worcester as follows:				
Dog Tax returned	669	02		
Worcester House of Correction.	10	00	679	02
Cash from Licenses as follows:				
Liquor A. J. Kirby	1200	00		
W. L. Ripley	1500	00		
White & Carney	1500	00		
Charles St Germain	1500	00		
James F. Conley	1500	00	7200	00
Druggist				
John H. Carpenter	1	00		
H. S. White	1	00		
Mrs N. M. Allen	1	00		
Dr Leaforce	1	00	4	00

Pool Tables.			
Michael Hoban	2 00		
Leonard Allen	2 00		
John Tebo	2 00		
Joseph Leeclair	2 00		
Joseph Balcome,	2 00	10	00
Auctioneer			
Chas M. Batchelder	2 00		
A. G. Getchell	2 00		
Cyrus L. Actell	2 00	6	00
Slaughter			
H. D. Jourdan,		1	00
Exhibit			
Robert Chatterton,	2 00		
James H. Burne,	1 00		
Flying Horses	2 00	5	00
Sale Petroleum Oil:			
M. J. Casey		1	00
From Town Notes issued for money borrowed.			
From Groton Saving Bank at 4 per cent	22000 00		
From other sources at 4 per cent	2228 78	24,228	78
From Overseers of the Poor			
H. L. Banister, Chairman		2213	84
From Library Funds invested			
Income, W. Faulkner Fund	185 06		
" L. A. R. Field Fund	40 20	225	26
From Sundries, as follows:			
First Dist. Court. Each. Worcester	9 23		
Return Premium on Insurance Policy			
Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Co	4 00		
Amount unpaid Delia Moran. for State			
Aid in 1891 and returned to Treasury	4 00		
Alden M. Bigelow, Chief Engineer. Fire			
Dept. hose sold, sold during year	54 90	72	13
		$ 83666	04

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By disbursements as follows:

Selectmens Orders		44186 93
Town Bonds, Nos. 16, 17, 18, paid		1500 00
Town Notes to Grafton Savings Bank, paid		26500 00
Interest paid on Notes and Bonds, as follows:		
12 mo to Oct 1, 1895, on $67,500 Bonds at 4 per ct	2700 00	
Notes, Grafton Savings Bank at 4 per cent	673 67	
H. S Puffer Cemetery Fund of $200, 1 year at 5 per cent	10 00	
S W. Sadmund. Cemetery Fund $100 1 year at 5 per cent	5 00	
M.W. Bates. Cemetery Fund of $50, 1 year at 5 per cent	2 50	
C C Taft Cemetery Fund $200 1 year at 5 per cent	10 00	
A R Kimes Cemetery Fund $50, 1 year at 5 per cent	2 50	
G.C.N. Webster Cemetery Fund $50, 1 year at 5 per cent	2 50	
Mrs Josiah Smith Cemetery Fund 40, 1 year at 5 per cent	2 00	
Charles Putnams Cemetery Fund of $100, from May 2/95. 5 per cent	3 33	
F. M. Marble Cemetery Fund $100, from May 29/95. 5 per cent	2 92	
Pauline F Mowry Cemetery fund of $34, from Oct 26th 1895 at 5 per cent	46	3414 88
Military Aid, under Chap 279 Acts 1889 (See list on page 24)	186 00	186 00
State Aid, under Chap 301, Acts 1889 see list on page 24	648 00	648 00
Free Public Library, Income of Invested Funds	225 24	225 24
County Tax		2311 00
State Tax		1485 00
National Bank Tax		634 48
Liquor License Fees & State, one fourth of $7,204 received		1801 00
Account of First Dist Court of East Worcester constables' fees		64 12
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb 19, 1896		209 24
Grafton Feb 19. 1896		$3666 04

Respectfully submitted A A Simmon Treasurer

Examined all vouchers and found correct

Feb 19- 1896 Frank A Clapp Auditor

Cemetery Funds

Cemetery Funds

Dolly A. Thayer Fund $200., deposited in the Worcester Five Cents Saving Bank

Dr. Feb 1 1895 To Cash balance from last report of H F Wing. Treasurer	17	99
Cr Feb 1. 1896 By Amount expended on lot	2	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	15	99

Jeremiah Learnard Fund $300. deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings

Dr. Feb 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H F Wing Treasurer	16	65
Cr Feb 1, 1896 By amount expended on lot	5	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.	11	65

David E Merriam Fund $400.00 deposited in the Grafton Savings Bank

Dr Feb 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H F Wing Treasurer	25	64
Cr Feb 1, 1896 By Amount expended on lot	6	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	19	64

Cemetery Funds deposited with Treasurer as provided in Chap. 82 Sec 17. of the Public Statutes and upon which the Town voted June 6, 1891, to pay interest at the rate of 5% per cent. per annum:

Hannah S Peffer Fund $200,

Dr Jan 1. 1895 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing Treasurer.	3	00
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	10	00
	13	00
Cr Jan 1. 1896 By amount paid F. S Fiske	5	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	8	00

Sylvia W Dadmund Fund $100,

Dr Jan 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H F Wing. Treasurer	5	79
Jan 1. 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	5	00
	10	79
Cr Jan 1. 1896. By amount paid A G Getchell	3	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	7	79

Martha W. Bates Fund $50,

Dr Jan 1, 1896 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing Treasurer	5	60
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	2	50
	$8	10
Cr Jan 1. 1896 By amount paid John E McClellan	2	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	6	10

Cornelia A. Taft Fund $200,

Dr Jan 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing. Treasurer	10	27
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	10	00
	20	27
Cr Jan 1 1896 By amount paid John E McClellan	2	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	18	27

Adelia R. Conner Fund $50,

Dr Jan 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing, Treasurer	2	38
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	2	50
Balance in hands of Treasurer	4	88

G. C. N. Webster Fund $50,

Dr Jan 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing Treasurer	2	08
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	2	50
Balance in hands of Treasurer	4	58

Mrs Josiah Smith Fund $40,

Dr Jan 1, 1895 To cash balance from last report of H. F. Wing Treasurer	1	50
Jan 1, 1896 Interest 1 year to date at 5 per cent	2	00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	3	50

Charles Putnam Fund $100,

Dr Jan 1. 1896 To interest from May 3. 1895 to date at 5 per cent and now in hands of Treasurer	3	33

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Freeman M. Marble Fund $100.

Dr Jan 1. 1896 To interest from May 29. 1895
to date at 5 per cent and now in hand of Treas. 2 92

Pauline F Mowry Fund $50.

Dr Jan 1. 1896 To interest from Oct 26. 1895
to date at 5 per cent and now
in hands of Treasurer 44

Lucy Whitney Fund $50.
Deposited with Treasurer
Jan 21. 1896.

Respectfully submitted
A. A. Simmons
Treasurer.

Grafton Mass Feb. 19. 1896.

Examined with vouchers and found correct
Frank H. Clapp
Auditor

Feb 19. 1896.

State Aid

State Aid

State Aid has been claimed and allowed, under the laws of this Commonwealth, to disabled soldiers and their families, and paid by the Town Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, in each month during the 12 months ending Feb 1. 1896 as follows:

To Jonathan E Nichols	9 months	a	$8.	72 00
" " "	2	"	4	8 00
Walter H Richardson	12	"	6	72 00
Henry Prentice	7	"	6	42 00
Mack Loynds	10	"	5	50 00
" "	2	"	3	6 00
Benj D. Kimes	12	"	4	48 00
William H Smith	6	"	4	24 00
D. B Hathaway	4	"	6	24 00
Mrs Caroline L Mitchell	12	"	4	48 00

Mrs Emeline A. Smith	12 months	@ $4.	48	00
Mrs Catherine Welch	12 "	2	24	00
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Ann Bradley	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Lydia Platt	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Johanna Smith	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Marietta Snow	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Victoria Whitney	12 "	4	48	00
Mrs Mary White	7 "	4	28	00
Mrs P. Ann Hastings	2 "	4	8	00
Mrs Phoebe C. Currier	1 "	4	4	00
Mrs Mary H Clapp	6 "	4	24	00
Mrs Ruth E Hildreth	4 "	4	16	00
			834	00

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Respectfully submitted
A. A. Simmons
Groton Mass Feb 19, 1896. Treasurer

Examined with vouchers and found correct
Frank H. Clapp.
Feb 19, 1896. Auditor

Transferred expenses 43[illegible]
Taxation refund Police Station 86 22[illegible]
Town Treasurer 30[illegible]
Cash on hand 8 6 ft Pine 7693 49

Annual Report
of the
Overseers of the Poor.
For the year ending February 1. 1896.

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb 1. 1895	300	00	
Selectmens Orders	7179	65	
Cities and Towns	397	71	
Sales from Farm	1816	13	9693 49

Disbursements' Account

Warden and matron	450	00	
Groceries and provisions	976	09	

Disbursements expenses 3685.63
Cities and Towns 3851.48
Overseers Poor 1207.49
Hospital Bills. 1144.69

Out-door labor.	186 75		
Housework and nursing.	142 50		
Medical attendance	150 00		
Hospital supplies	28 40		
Dry goods and clothing	107 31		
House furnishing and repairs	155 60		
Blacksmith bills	43 05		
Manure and fertilizers	134 30		
Grain and grinding	492 41		
Stock	506 00		
Coal	81 69		
Miscellaneous	231 53	3685	43
Decrease of inventory		172	48
		3858	11

Receipts from Farm.

4,836 cans of milk	1138 94		
Hay	260 85		
Beef, pork, and veal	158 00		
Vegetables	117 80		
Wood	38 25		
Board	64 15		
Sundries	38 14	1816	13

Net cost of almshouse for which 852 weeks support has been furnished at a cost per week of $2 38, 2041 38

The following persons have been supported at the almshouse within the year:

John Pogue. John Gardener. Harriet Knowlton. Flora Reid. John Riley.* Mary Hobert. Thomas Cusack. Frank Newton. John Emerson. Margaret Byron. Katie Byron. Charles Hayden. Eliza Stone. Alice Toner. William Sawyer. John Cosgrove. Frank Goodrich. Austin D. Sherman. Augustus E. Davis. John Whelton. Mary Byron. Arthur H. Newton.

* Died April 13 1895

Out-door Poor.

Aid has been granted to persons out of almshouse as follows:

Eliza A. Adams (insane)	165	44
Amanda Prentice	90	00
Mary Forrest	15	00
Patrick Keays	1	50
John Emerson		75
Ellen Marsh	11	00
Frank Kent	7	76
John Blanchett	7	00
N B M. Temple	14	00
John Webber	8	79
Mrs Bourassa	39	00
Joseph Maynard	92	76
Mary McGarchie	3	00
Anna McGee	40	00
Robert Redpath	11	50
McHenry boye	60	00
Joseph Beauregard	29	26
Anna M. Knowles	206	39
Emanuel Mason	51	40
Rachel M. Keuen	34	39
Margaret Balcome	122	90
Charles Hughes	30	00
John Whelon	1	38
James H. Lee	11	00
William Snowling	7	00
Frank Nichols	19	00
Joseph LaBelle	2	00
Mary Turner	153	41
Mary Boljic	4	00
Samuel Saudette	19	00
Mrs Wm Glennan	2	00
Laura L Barton	4	75
Geo Willey	7	50
Frank Odlum	51	40

Thomas Finn	198 00		
Oliver Mossie	60 74		
Delia St Andrews (burial)	10 75		
Fabian Levasseur	17 25		
Eli Russell (burial of child)	5 00		
Geo D. Sprague	6 00		
Louiza Moriarty	2 00		
Wilfred St Onge	71 12		
Mary Hobart (burial)	10 00		
John McCole	2 00		
Mary Burns	24 00		
Mrs Logan	2 00		
Margaret Byron	13 78	1707	49

Cities and Towns

Bills have been paid the following cities and towns for paupers having settlement in Grafton:

Worcester

John H Kimball	21 58	
Louiza Turner	3 19	
Josephine Blanchard	6 96	
John Minor	4 02	
Hugh McArdle	7 50	
Arthur H. Newton	52 85	

Springfield

Ann McCurrie	6 50	
Mary McGovern	2 50	

Sutton

Mary Richards	4 50	

Holden

John Minor	28 00	

Marlborough

Charles Melanson (burial)	10 00	

Princeton

Mrs Curtis P. Bean	14 00	

Upton:				
Fanny Sherman (bill of 1894)	16	00		
Brockton:				
Mrs Andrew Burbank	2	85		
Milford:				
Felix Goodnow	12	50		
Westborough:				
James Bulger	39	50		
Northbridge				
Mary Burns	130	00		
Ezeek C Place	23	75	381	48
Hospital Bills				
Westborough Hospital				
Jesse A. Bradish	163	91		
Oscar A Whitney	169	47		
Walter W. Pierce	131	38		
Worcester Asylum				
Geo L. Wheelock	83	85		
Edward A Wilson	169	46		
Worcester Hospital				
Daniel T. Flagg	169	46		
Simpson Cowing	169	46		
Geo H Fitzsimmons	66	84		
Mary Parento	31	11		
Geo Prue	9	75	1,164	69
Tramp House.				
Paid James Carney for putting up				
1,184 Tramps at 12½ cents	147	99		
Paid John E McClellan for coal	40	63	188	62
Received from Cities and Towns				
Fall River	6	70		
Upton	253	77		
Dalton	23	25		
Webster	19	00		
Marlborough	4	00		
Northbridge	80	89	387	71

Summary

Received from Town Treasurer	7,179	65		
Inventory, Feb 1, 1895	4,141	48		
Due from town and State, reported Feb 1, 1895	310	00	11631	13
Inventory Feb 1, 1896	3969	60		
Paid Town Treasurer	2213	84		
Town Treasurer received from State pauper act	44	50		
Due from Towns and State Feb 1, 1896	210	50	6438	44
Net cost of support of poor			5,192	69

Inventory of Personal Property on Town Farm Feb. 6, 1896

16 Cows	730	00
1 bull	15	00
1 heifer	20	00
3 horses	190	00
8 sholes	40	00
34 fowles	25	50
800 baskets corn	200	00
2000 lbs. Shorts	17	00
500 lbs gluten	5	00
12 bush. oats	8	60
3 single harnesses.	80	00
1 pair team harnesses	25	00
1 plow harness	6	00
Grass seed	8	00
1 democrat wagon	25	00
1 express wagon	20	00
1 two-horse wagon	55	00
1 two-horse cart	40	00
1 two-horse sled	45	00
2 one-horse wagons	55	00
1 one-horse sled	40	00
1 two-seated sleigh.	20	00
1 hay tedder.	15	00

1 horse rake,	12 00
2 mowing-machines	50 00
1 horse-hoe.	4 00
1 cultivator.	4 00
1 A harrow,	5 00
1 Perry harrow,	10 00
1 Breed weeder,	6 00
4 plows	25 00
1 stone drag	1 00
1 smoothing drag	2 00
1 seed-sower	7 00
1 sand screen,	5 00
1 hay cutter.	5 00
Ladders and hook	16 00
Scales and measures.	8 00
1 wheel-barrow,	4 50
Baskets	6 00
Blankets and robes	18 00
1 farmer's boiler.	38 00
100 flour bbls,	10 00
Stone tools	5 00
All other tools	90 00
House furnishings	900 00
Groceries on hand	31 50
100 bush. potatoes	35 00
2 bush. onions	2 00
175 lbs. pork.	12 00
40 lbs ham,	4 40
30 lbs beef.	1 70
Canned fruit and pickles	7 00
2 bush. beets	1 00
Squash	40
10 gals. molasses	4 50
38 gals. kerosene.	3 50
4 tons stove coal	24 00
10¼ tons furnace coal	61 50

4 cords 4-ft. wood.	12	00	
10 cords stove wood.	40	00	
90 hay caps.	25	00	
1 grindstone	3	50	
69 cords manure	276	00	
16½ tons hay	324	00	
5 tons hay	105	10	
8 tons swale hay	72	00	
5 tons corn fodder.	40	00	
Lumber	25	00	3969 60

Appraised Feb. 6th 1896

Joseph A. Dodge
John A. Sweetser
Leyman M. Rice
} Assessors of Grafton

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. Banister
Silas Vinton
Erastus Adams
} Overseers of the Poor

Examined and found correct

F. A. Clapp.

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Collector as printed

Collectors Report

Collectors Report

Edwin A. Howe, Collector, in account with the Town of Grafton

		Dr.	Cr.
To Amt. Rec'd sidewalk Assessments,	1893	68 50	
" " " Interest		1 54	
" " Rec'd sidewalk "	1894	69 00	
" " " " "	1895	64 32	
By cash paid A.A. Simmons, Treasurer			203 38
		203 38	203 38

1893

To uncollected taxes	205 18	
To interest collected	25 41	
By cash paid A.A. Simmons, Treasurer		209 69
By uncollected taxes		20 90
	230 59	230 59

1894

To cash on hand last report	23 77	
To uncollected taxes	2153 93	
To interest collected	68 43	
By cash paid A.A. Simmons, Treasurer		2080 81
By abatements		80 62
By uncollected taxes		84 20
	2246 13	2246 13

1895

To amount of tax committed to me as per assessors warrant,	43957 42	
To subsequently assessed	3 20	
To interest collected	141 37	
By cash paid A.A. Simmons, Treasurer		41363 10
By abatements,		294 04
By cash on hand		411 16
By uncollected taxes as per list.		2034 19
	44102 49	44102 49

Unpaid Taxes, February 21. 1894

Austin, Gilbert	2		Cardin or Cody Thos	3	70
Allen Herbert F. Est of	62	90	Chickering Waldo H	2	
Allen, William J.	47	90	Christian, John	2	
Atchue, Joseph F.	20	34	Clennon Edwin	2	
Aiken, Charles	2	85	Conklin Woodhull	2	
Basnett, Louis	22	40	Cyrod Wm	2	
Batchelor, Sanford L	37	34	Depuis Moses	2	
Bigelow, Alden M.	58	10	Daniels, Samuel C	4	97
Bonner, Mrs Louisa	33	15	Dodge J. A. and		
Boynton, George	13	05	Elizabeth McClellan	68	
Brady Nellie H.	24	18	Ennis Peter	30	47
Brigham Mrs Warren	20	40	Fitzpatrick Edward Est of balance	10	18
Broun W^m H. Jr	8	44	Fitzsimmons George	19	60
Bruton Lewis S.	2	34	Flagg, Eliz. L. F.	19	55
Bush, Nelson F.	2	93	Forrest John balance	1	60
Boynton Ambrose	4	80	Flagg, Samuel C	2	
Brisson Thomas	2	85	Flynn, Christopher	2	
Boynton Benjamin	2	00	Flynn Patrick	2	
Broun Clifton H.	2	00	Ford Stephen F.	2	
Bonner, Edward	2	00	Forshay, Charles E	2	
Bonner, John	2	00	Farrington Arthur E	2	
Blanchett John	2	00	Flynn Frank P	2	
Broun, Frank F.	2	00	Fitzpatrick, James	2	
Broun William E	2	00	Greaves John P	2	
Brady, Emory G.	2	00	Greaves Lewis C	2	
Billeday, Felix	2	00	Goodrich John J	2	
Brabo, Louis	2	00	Goodnow, Peter Jr	2	
Brough, Oliver J.	2	00	Hagan, John	2	
Bagin, W^m F.	2	00	Henry Edward F.	11	82
Carr, Thomas P.	2	58	Holley, Joseph E	2	
Carroll, Francis	5	06	Heildreth, Herbert H	5	83
Carter Edward	120	75	Heildreth, John est of	14	11
Chapin Jonathan	151	35	Hodgeny, John	25	80
Chickering Jonas H	16	87	Henshaw, Josiah N.	24	65
Cisco James L	2	34	Heuse Charles	2	00

Healy Dennis	2		Pierce, Silas A.	34	43
Jennings Michael	2		Perry, Edward W.	4	29
Jones William H.	14	75	Piper, James	39	82
King Francis W.	2		Putnam Charlotte Est of	23	80
Lougee George P	9	05	Putnam Elias M.	5	74
Lougee George P Mrs	15	30	Pratt, Maria B	59	50
Leynch Charles	8	70	Perron Desire	2	
Leynch Mack	8	80	Perron Medar	2	
Leabree, Joseph	2	00	Pluff Frank	2	
Leavitt, Wilfred	2		Pluff, Mark	2	
Leovelle, Emanuel	2		Pluff, Peter	2	
Maroney Michael	2		Pluff, Oliver J	2	
Maroney Timothy	5	74	Prentice Henry	2	
Messier Peter	42	80	Pray, Joseph	2	
Moore, E Judson	32	77	Reily, James	2	51
Moore, Wilbert H.	2	51	Robbins Chas E balance	17	85
McNutt George E.	2	32	Robinson, Henry T.	24	35
Manning Thomas J.	2		Richardson Alvin T.	3	40
Murphy, Charles	2		Rhodes, Rufus A.	2	
McCord Thomas	2		Robinson W. Alonzo	2	
Mackey Arthur E	2		Rankin, John	2	
Mason George	2		Rawson Miner	2	
Maynard Moses	2		Roberge, Celor	2	
McGee Edward	2		Smith Walter E	57	25
McMahon Thomas	2		Snow Alfred D.	2	43
Maynard Alfred	2		Stockbridge Mrs R C	24	48
McClintock Adam	2		Stockbridge Frank W	7	28
Merrell Warren	2		Sumner Wilbur Le	9	99
McHenry Daniel	2		Stratton George W.	8	29
Messier Napoleon A.	2		Sherbut Peter	12	20
Mailletti, James	2		Spinny Clifford	2	85
Nichols Jonathan E Mrs	14	45	Stone Walter L	2	85
O'Keefe Thomas	2		Stockbridge Romanzo C	2	
Osbrig Olof	33	88	Smith Albert M	2	
Parker Mrs Henry	17	00	Smith Charles E	2	
Parker Henry	28	18	Sheehan Timothy Jr	2	

Shubert Albert	2		Welch Edward	2	
Steele, Garvin	2		Webber Wm	2	
Steele James	2		Webber Nicholas	2	
Stone, Walter	2		Young, Gilman P bal	88	20
Sullivan Patrick	2			1963	64
Sullivan Dennis	2		Nonresidents		
Thompson, Charles E	2		Blackmer, Hiram	8	50
Thompson Mary A.	2	55	Clancy, James		85
Vondell Nelson	2		Ferguson James	1	70
Wheeler William H	3	70	Healey James J.	2	55
White John B. heirs	3	40	Scally, John		85
Whitney, Charles D.	22	10	Merrifield Lovenus	3	40
Worcester, Wm H.	20	02	Newton Henry E	27	20
Worcester Franklin	120	57	Odell, Mrs E F.	25	50
Williams Wm H.	3	02		2034	19
Whitney Edward E	20	68			
Williams Edgar E	2				
Wood Mary F.	2				
Walson, Charles	21	21			
Wood Samuel H	2				
White Gilman G	2				

A true copy attest
Edwin A Hoar Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted
Edwin A. Hoar
Grafton Feb 21, 1896 Collector

Examined and found correct
F H Clapp. Auditor

Voted to accept the Town Clerks report as printed
Reference may be had to the printed report on file
Total number of births recorded was 138
Total number of marriages recorded 55
Total number of deaths recorded 125
Dogs licensed 369
" licens transfered 5
Paid County Treasurer $122.20

Voted to accept as printed, the report of the Engineer of the Fire Department

Engineer's Report.

Chief Engineer's Report

Alden M. Bigelow, Chief Engineer of Fire Depaitment in account with the Town of Grafton,

Dr.

April 6th 1895:			
	Paid Combination Ladder Co balance of bill for ladders	77	80
	" Keiman & Foundry Co Hydrant wrench	3	50
May 6, 1895:			
	Paid 2 Engineers	60	00
	" Rescue Hose Co No 1	170	00
	" Henry Crippen Hose Co No 2	170	00
	" Blackstone Engine Co No 3	419	17
	" Hook and Ladder Co No 1	160	00
	" David S Bassett bill repairs on Blackstone Engine No 3	37	20
	" Geo K Nichols & Son bill	9	44
	" J. E McClellan bill	4	50
	" G E Bigood bill	1	89
	" Dean Mackey bill	4	00
	" Catherine Finn bill	8	00
	" Edward Beauregard bill	1	50
	" Henry Mann bill	2	50
July 1	Paid Eureka Hose Co 200 feet hose	120	00
	D J Whitney bill	5	00
	Alden M Bigelow	15	00
Oct 26	Paid David S Bassett bill	25	15
	F. S. McNutt, bill	3	00
	Eureka Hose Co bill	4	80
Jan 8, 1896	Paid C. H Mascroft bill	6	00
	" A G Getchell bill	22	83
Feb 3	Paid L. M. Rice bill	3	50
	" Alden M Bigelow bill	25	00
Feb 5	" Arthur A Simmons Treas.	54	80
		1414	68

Cr.

Cash on hand Feb 11, 1895	55	90		
April 2, 1895				
By Selectmen's order	80	30		
May 6, 1895				
By Selectmen's order.	1048	20		
July 6, 1895				
By Selectmen's order.	140	00		
October 26,				
By Selectmen order.	32	95		
January 8, 1896				
By Selectmen's order	28	83		
February 4				
By Selectmen's order.	28	50	1414	68

Alden M. Bigelow
Chief Engineer.

Examined and found correct.
F H Clapp.
Auditor

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attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of Perley Goddard Inspector of Animals and Provisions.
As there is no financial statement connected with the report to record here, reference may be had to the printed report on file.

Assessors Report

Voted to accept the report of the Assessors as printed

Assessors Report.

Number of residents assessed on property	696		
Non-residents	116		
Number of corporations and firms	28		
Number of persons assessed for a poll tax only	820		
Number of polls	1303		
Poll Tax $2.00			
Value of personal property assessed.		603,288	00
Resident Bank Stock,		62300	00
Total personal property assessed		665,588	00
Value of buildings assessed		1,189,220	00
Value of land assessed		539,930	00
Total real estate		1729,150	00
Total valuation 1895		2,394,738	00
Total valuation 1894		2352750	00
Gain for 1895		41988	00
Rate of tax per $1000		17	00

Number of horses assessed 624 number of cows 916
number of Sheep 58 number of Swine 58 cattle other than cows 177, Fowls 4335, dwelling houses 1003
acres of land 13,303.

Town grant	42780	00
Special appropriation Oct 5, 1895	1000	00
	43780	00
Less available assets	5403	00
	38377	00
State Tax	1485	00
County tax	2311	00
Overlayings	1143	54
	43316	54

Seyman M. Rice
John A. Sweetser } Assessors
Joseph A. Dodge
of Iroquois

Iroquois Mass Feb 8 1896

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Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Common Committee Report

Voted to accept the report of the Common Committee as printed

Committee on Common

Town of Hopkinton in account with Committee on Common,

1895		Dr.	
April 23.	Ed Beauregard painting and repairing settees	11	95
May 31.	John E. McClellan. mowing grading defining walks and roadways raking grass whole Square	50	30
June 18.	W. J. Feehan. making and putting rod on trees	8	78
Sept 3.	W. D. Jones Bro. new settee	12	80
	C & M R R. freight		67
	D. W. Norcross paid repairing and sharpening lawn mower	2	00
Oct 26.	John E. McClellan. gravel. casting etc	14	00
		100	

1895	Cr	
March	Appropriation	100
	Tools on hand	[illegible] 00
1 lawn mower		6 00
Rope and rakes		1 00
		7 00

For the committee
D. W. Norcross

Examined and found correct
F. H. Cloff Auditor

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Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk

Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. as printed

Town of Hopkinton in account with Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

May 7. 1894	By Town order	500	00
	" Cash for lots sold during the year	193	20
	" " from Slocum fund	8	00
	" " " Pomeroy "	2	00
	" " " F & B Bixby "	2	00
		705	20

1895 Dr.

June 7.	To cash J. E. McClellan, labor on grounds	66	68
" 24.	Rhoda M. Wood, for land to Town of Grafton	25	00
"	Recording deed		75
July 31.	" Amedi Plaisted building fence around Daniels addition	187	68
"	" Herman St. Foundry casting	46	81
Sept. 13.	Pratt & Emmons, iron	12	60
" 14	J. E. McClellan, labor, and expenses	66	50
	J. A. Dodge, expenses	7	00
	S. H. Redding, painting fences, Daniels addition	22	50
	John E. McClellan, labor &c.	230	65
	E. K. Nichols & Son, paints	21	34
	Slocomb lot	8	00
	Tinker lot	2	00
	P. C. Biscoe lot	2	00
1896 Feb 17	To cash, on hand,	51	69
		705	20

For the Trustees

Joseph A. Dodge

Grafton Feb 18, 1896 Treasurer.

Examined and found correct

F. H. Clapp.

A true copy Auditor

Attest

Edwin A. Hovey Town Clerk

M. 1-24 4 PM. Report -

Voted to accept the report of the Quartermaster: A. B. Spragu Post 24 as printed as follows

Cash balance on hand Feb 1-1896		75 31
Expended for relief of Soldiers and their families	20,42	
Cash balance on hand Feb 1. 1896	54 89	75 31

Clarence Sumner

Quartermaster

Examined and found correct

A true copy F. H. Clapp Auditor

Attest Edwin A. Hovey Town Clerk

Trustees of Pine Grove Cem.

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as

Pine Grove Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery.

Dr

Feb 1. 1895	Cash on hand	59	06
	Lots sold	57	
	Cr	116	06
	Cash paid for labor on grounds	28	75
	Surveying	8	00
	Balance on hand	79	31
		116	06

For the Trustees
E D. Holbrook Treasurer

Examined and found correct
A true copy F. H. Clapp. Auditor
Edwin A Hoar Town Clerk

Trustees of Fairview Cem.

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed

Fairview Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with Trustees of Fairview Cemetery.

1895 Dr

June 3.	To J. E. McClellan, Labor	17.50		
13	" W. S Lovell "	32.05		
July 11	- Printing posters	1.00	55	3-3
1895	Cr			
Feb 6	By cash on hand	4.32		
Mar 14	" lots sold	15.33		
June 27	" " "	5.37		
July 13	" " "	2.88	32	92
	To balance		22	63

For the Trustees
A. LeFisher Treasurer

Examined and found correct
F H. Clapp. Auditor

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Edwin A Hoar Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library
relating to the Library Report – The following is the financial part for the remainder see Report on file

H. L. Nichols, treasurer, in account with the Peroglon Public Library and Reading Room.

Dr.

Feb 15	Balance from last year	471	30	
	Faulkner real estate	137	87	
	Books sold	4	00	
	Appropriation of dog fund	669	02	
	Appropriation for branch library	125	00	
	Field and Faulkner funds	225	24	
	Fines	2	93	
	Other sources	12	50	1647 90

Cr.

By cash	paid for books	407	84	
"	Periodicals	73	65	
"	Hattie L. Mann, salary to March 1	200	00	
"	Express, printing and incidentials	48	95	
"	Book cases	69	75	
"	Policing reading room	24	00	
"	Branch libraries	115	00	
"	Binding	60	40	
"	New catalogue	340	06	1339 65
"	Balance on hand Feb 15			308 25
				1647 90

Harmijlon L. Nichols
Treasurer

Examined and found correct
Frank H. Clopp
Auditor

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Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Faulkner Real Estate

Dr

Received from D. N. Gibbs	20	60		
" Rent Mrs Bowler	120	00		
" " John Sheridan	4	00		
" " Francis Allier	27	46	172	06

Cr

Paid water rate	4	00		
" A Plante	5	34		
" W. Gilleneau. on acct	13	00		
" G. K. Nichols & Son	1	85		
" F. Mills on acct	10	00		
" Library fund	137	87	172	06

H. L. Nichols Agt.

Examined and found correct
Frank H. Clapp. Auditor

A true copy
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Rawson Fund. Voted to accept as trustee

Rawson Fund.

A. A. Simmons, Treasurer in account with the
Almira B. Rawson Fund.

Feb 1-1895 To cash balance from last report of fund	61	24		
Jan 1-1896 To income 1 year to date from investment in Worcester County Institution for Saving	103	01		
Jan 1-1896 To income 1 year to date from investment in Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	41	20	205	45

Cr

Feb 19-1896 By amount paid H. L. Banister Chairman Life applied for relief	117	00		
Balance on deposit in his Savings Bank herein named	88	45	205	45

Respectfully submitted
A. A. Simmons
Treasurer

Grafton Mass Feb. 19. 1896

Examined with vouchers and found correct
Frank H. Clapp Auditor

A true copy attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Rawson Fund.

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Streets as printed "Superintendent of Streets".

Supt of Streets Report -

Received and expended on highways, sidewalks, bridges culverts, etc. as follows: -

Appropriation			4000	00
Expended hauling gravel	2532	52		
Repairs, scraping, raking stones etc	704	00		
Bridges and culverts	287	00		
Cutting brush	118	00		
Cor. drain pipe	168	00		
Railing Wheeler bridge	113	45		
Stone road Brigham Hill	257	00		
John E McClellan personal	94	50		
Over draft -			274	47
	4274	47	4274	47

Appropriation sidewalks			600	00
Expended	814	10		
Betterments			146	67
Over draft -			67	43
	814	10	814	10

Appropriation snow			1000	00
Expended	700	07		
Not expended	299	93		
	1000	00	1000	00

John E McClellan
Supt of Streets

Examined and found correct
F H Cloff
Auditor

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Town House Committee as printed

Town House Committee

Town House Committee Report —

Town House Committee in account with the Town of Grafton Dr.

To cash received on Selectmens order			897 43
To amount of rents from Town House as follows			
Town Hall 1/2 year to Feb 1, 1896	162 00		
Office, Bank Room one month to Jan 1, 1896	10		
Post Office, Martin Hickey one year to Jan 1-1896	200		
Store J. H. Carpenter, one year to Jan 1 1896	257 50		
Court room, one year to Jan 1, 1896	40 00		
Franklin lodge " " "	84 00		
Geo K Nichols & Son one steam heat	45 00		
Grafton National Bank " " "	35 00	828 50	
		1725 93	
Cr			
By paid Town Treasurer as per his receipt	828 50		
General Repairs to Town House			
S T Smith & Son plumbing, set bowl	69 24		
" " ventilator	28 12		
Gilleneau & Plante, labor	10 50		
Geo M. Newton, labor and materials	16 00		
Frank White " " "	23 27		
A. J. Hall Lumber	2 64		
L. M. Nelson wall paper	3 99		
Henry Parker labor on boiler and vault	27 42		
Hartford S. B. R. & B. C. insurance on boiler	30 00		
Freight and express	8 20		
Sundries	7 87	227 25	
Town House running expenses.			
Janitor and agent for hall	300		
Heating	245 80		
Lighting	108 36		
Sundries	16 02	670 18	
Respectfully submitted		1725 93	

Examined and found correct
F. H. Clafflin
Auditor

H. S. Warren
Daniel N. Gibbs
Solon F. Smith
} Town House Committee

A true copy Attest Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk

School committee Report -

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed. The following is the financial statement. for the balance of the report see printed report on file

Financial Statement

Teachers, etc.

High School

Paid for teachers,	2363	58			
Balance on hand	36	42	2400	00	
Contra.					
Appropriation for High school	2400	00	2400	00	

Common Schools.

Paid teachers including special teachers	9186	69	9186	69	
Contra.					
Appropriation	8300	00			
Received from State school fund.	219	20			
Received from State for teachers on account of Superintendency	375	00			
Income of $1000, fund	60	00			
Amount overdrawn	232	49	9186	69	

Fuel and care of Rooms,

Paid for Wood and Coal High School	75	00			
" " wood and coal, Common Schools	567	43			
" " Janitor care of rooms, etc High School	112	50			
" " Janitors, care of rooms etc Common Schools	809	35	1564	18	
Contra,					
Appropriation for fuel and janitors	1550	00			
Amount overdrawn	14	18	1564	18	

Repairs, Fixtures, Apparatus, Etc,

Paid J. M. Bacon, physics apparatus and clock repairs	12	00
A. J. Ford, repairs on out-houses	6	65
W. F. Barker, supplies	6	91
Paul Delcourneau, labor	1	60

Adams Exp Co		25
Barstow Stove Co		50
George K. Nichols Son physics apparatus	28	22
J. H. Carpenter. physics apparatus	26	32
William Geleneau closets, etc,	95	
S Vinton Son, teams.	3	50
Paine Furniture Co, chairs	26	20
J. M. Bacon physics apparatus	14	23
G K Nichols Son physic apparatus	20	05
Arthur C. King Co paper	13	56
A. J. Ford. labor.	11	85
W. J. Casey supplies.		43
Bobrick School furniture Co teacher, desk etc	90	00
Franklin Educational Co apparatus	9	45
Wm Geleneau, labor	31	40
J. E Sheridan teams	9	
John Conley, labor.	2	50
S H. Holmes, paid for apparatus	3	50
T Brewer. labor cleaning.	5	
James E. Johnson labor	2	
H. M. Rigg express.	1	35
Arthur C. King Co, paste	1	
John Conley labor	1	25
Wm Geleneau labor	25	75
John E. McClellan, labor and teams	74	
W. T Barker. supplies	10	71
Adams Exp Co	2	30
Grafton and Upton. R.R. freight	5	27
Frank White, labor	36	
Bobrick School Furniture Co school seats	354	23
Gilbert G. Davis, printing,	2	70
A. J. Ford, labor,	4	75
Paul Soetourneau, labor	7	
S Vinton Son teams	10	50
T H. von Kamecke. labor		25
Frank White labor	46	

Paul Letourneau labor	20	75
Denholm. McKay Co curtains	5	40
W. S. Carpenter labor	21	
J. L. Hammett. slating	21	
M J. Casey supplies	3	85
J. E. McClellan, teams and man	5	25
S. B Hale Jr, labor,	2	50
Geo A. Dearborn labor	20	97
C. E Wood labor	32	49
S. B. Hale Sr. labor, etc,	5	37
D. W. Macker, labor	20	77
J. M. Bacon. physics apparatus	1	90
C. W. Mascroft, labor,	5	
George A. Dearborn, labor,	4	50
George R. Nichols Son supplies	15	09
W. T. Barker supplies	13	54
W. H. Richardson, labor and material	80	22
Mrs H. Parker, ribbon	1	25
S. F. Smith, labor and material	18	15
F. H Brewer, labor	18	
J & Sheridan. trucking	1	
S. Vinton & Son teams	15	25
J. L. Hammett. slating	3	20
Paul Letourneau labor	1	15
A. E. Taft labor		25
D. W. Macker, labor	1	55
L. H. Bigelow, gravel,	3	85
Annie Forest labor	2	
George E Bitgood, repairs on clock	2	
M. J. Casey. supplies	3	20
	1403	43

Conka

Appropriation	1400	00
Amount overdrawn	3	43
	1403	43

Text Books and Supplies

Paid March		
Public School Publishing Co	8	81
Adams Express Co	1	
American Book Co	2	
Ginn & Co	20	
H. L. Hammett	21	54
W. W. Lewis	10	88
W. W. Lewis	12	
W. W. Lewis		50
Carl Schoenhof	7	04
W. W. Lewis	30	23
J. L. Hammett	17	22
J. L. Hammett	3	05
Prang & Co	4	32
J. L. Hammett	~~15~~	56
A. D. Stone & Co	12	50
Martin Hickey	1	50
Adams Ex Co	3	90
Paid April 1.		
J. L. Hammett	22	
W. W. Lewis	4	
W. W. Lewis	7	56
W. W. Lewis	104	30
W. W. Lewis	51	19
Adams Ex Co	1	10
University Publishing Co	2	
J. H. Carpenter	9	10
Balch Bros	12	50
S Venton Son	5	50
Paid May 6.		
Chas Scribners' Sons	1	
Silver Burdett & Co	12	
W. W. Lewis	8	25
Maynard Merrill Co	69	80
Ginn & Co	52	67

Houghton, Mifflin & Co	151	30
C. A. Nichol & Co	24	
T. H. Caelor & Co	2	40
Public School Publishing Co	20	46
Putnam Davis & Co	2	26
W. W. Lewis	1	
Boston School Supply Co	3	18
W. W. Lewis	5	25
Gilbert G. Davis	30	80
J. E. Sheridan	9	25
Paid June 8,		
H. M. Rigg	1	65
C. A. Nichol & Co	4	
Sanford Sawtelle & Co	4	40
J. E. McClellan		65
W. J. Barker.		30
Adams & Co	4	90
Paid July 1.		
Gilbert G. Davis	2	50
Putnam Davis & Co	1	
Sanford Sawtelle & Co.	1	25
S. Vinton & Son	2	35
W. W. Lewis	3	25
Paid Oct 8,		
George A. Dearborn		90
J. L. Hammett	20	22
J. L. Hammett	3	45
J. L. Hammett		72
W. W. Lewis	13	23
W. W. Lewis	12	47
American Book Co	3	84
Boston School Supply Co	9	
T. H. Caelor & Co	5	70
Paid Nov. 9,		
J. E. Sheridan	3	
J. L. Hammett	3	40

Paid Jan 7.			
Martin Hickey	2 72		
Paid Feb 1.			
Groton National Bank	1 83		
Geo K Nichols	5 31		
Balance on hand	3 70	900	00
Contra.			
Appropriation		900	
Conveyance of Pupils.			
Paid for conveyance of High School pupil	159 00		
Balance on hand	41 00	200	00
Contra,			
Appropriation		200	00
Paid for conveyance Merrian district	343 00		
" " " Keith Hill "	152 50		
" " " Farms District	190 00		
" " " Brigham Hill.	241 00	927	00
Contra			
Appropriation	630 00		
Amount overdrawn	297 00	927	

Miscellaneous Account.

Paid Paul Lelourneau, truant officer	6 26	
George K Nichol rent	25 00	
" " " "	25 00	
Paul Lelourneau, truant officer	12 00	
George Rugg graduation expenses	35 00	
Georg K Nichols rent	25 00	
R S. Hood, rent of land and well	7 00	
W. K. Merchant rent of well	6 00	
Eimer & Amend. apparatus	17 06	
W. H Richardson, stove and furnace repair	32 87	
Paul Lelourneau truant officer.	9 25	
George K Nichols rent	25 00	
Martin Hickey, sundries	50	
Board of Assessors census of School Children	35 00	
Albert Bradish truant officer	9 50	270 48

Contra,

Appropriation	250	00		
Amount overdrawn	20	40	270	40

Recapitulation

Expenditure

Teachers, High School	2363	58		
Teachers, Common Schools	9186	69		
Janitors and care of rooms	921	75		
Fuel	642	43		
Repairs, furniture, apparatus, etc	1403	43		
Conveyance Common School pupils	927	00		
Conveyance High School pupils	159	00		
Books and supplies	896	30		
Miscellaneous	270	44	1[illegible]270	42
Total expenses			16770	42

Receipts

Appropriated for teachers High School	2400	00		
" " " Common Schools	8300	00		
" " Fuel, Janitors, etc	1550	00		
" " Books and supplies	900	00		
" " Repairs, furniture, apparatus, etc	1400	00		
" " Conveyance of pupils Comm Schools	630	00		
" " " " High School	200	00		
" " Miscellaneous	250	00		
" Income of $1000, fund	60	00		
Received from State school fund	219	20		
Received from State for teachers in account of Superintendency	375	00		
Amount overdrawn	486	42		
			16770	62

D. W. Norcross
Financial Secretary

Examined and found correct
Frank H. Clapp Auditor

A true copy Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Art 4th taken up.

Voted to take up the recomendations of the Seledmen singly.

For Bonds — Voted to raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars to pay loan bonds No 19. 20. 21.

For Interest — Voted to raise and appropriate three thous and dollars to pay interest on loan debt.

For High School Teachers — Voted to raise and appropriate twenty four hundred and fifty dollars for High school Teachers,

For Common School Teachers — Voted to raise and appropriate Eight five hundred and fifty dollars for Common Schol teachers

For Fuel & Janitor — Voted to raise and appropriate Fourteen hundred and fifty dollars for Fuel and Janitors.

For Books & Supplies — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars for Books and supplies.

For Repairs & Fixtures — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred dollars for Repairs and fixtures,

For Miscellaneous for Schools — Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for Miscellaneous for Schools.

For Conveyance Common Schools — Voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for Conveyance of pupils Common Schools.

For Conveyance High School — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars for conveyance of pupils High School,

For Fire Dept. — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars for Fire Department,

ghways — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars for highways. (Amendment was made that it be Three thousand)

lk-walk — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for sidewalks. to be devided as follows, two hundred at Center, two hundred at the north part and two hundred at the south part.

Suppt. Poor — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty five hundred dollars for the support of the poor.

n Offic ep Clk. & School Com. — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for Town Officers except clerk, treasurer and School Committee.

n Clerks Salary — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five dollars for Town Clerk Salary.

asurer Salary — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Town Treasurer Salary.

ol Com. Salary — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for Salary of School Committee

t of Schools Salary — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars for Salary of Superintendent of schools.

ic Library — Voted to appropriate the proceeds of the dog funds or for the Free Public Library

ivery of ks to the raries — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars for the delivery of books at North Groton twenty five for the delivery of books at Farnumville twenty five for the delivery of books at Fisherville and twenty five for the delivery of books at Saundersville

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars for Hydrant rental,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Memorial day,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the Common,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for Soldiers Aid Chap. 259. Acts 1889

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for Snow bills,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the Treasurer bond.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four hundred dollars for Street Lights.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for Miscellaneous,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars for Insurance,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for Military Aid.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars for new hose for the Fire Department,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the Collectors bond.

Art 5th taken up.

Voted, that no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes. That all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-law of the town. That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art 6th taken up.

Voted, to pass over the article.

Art 7th taken up.

Voted. that we pay the same as last year which is ten dollars

Art 8th taken up.

Voted, to accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen with the following additions Patrick Coyne and Eli King and Solon F. Smith. and the name of Lewis Daniels stricken off. as he has just been drawn. The following is the list as amended and accepted. to wit:-

Adams, Erastus	Fay, George A.	Knight, Willard P.
Aylett, Cyrus R.	Fiske, Daniel L.	Knowlton, Samuel H.
Baniels Henry L.	Fletcher William C.	Leeland, Henry R
Barber, Albert	Gelchell Amos G.	Leeland, Samuel E.
Bassett, David S.	Gibbs Daniel N.	Leougee, George P.
Batchelder Charles M.	Goddard Charles	Leowell, Alfred E
Batchelor Sanford L.	Goddard, Joseph L.	Leynch, Thomas J.
Brewer, Thomas H.	Goddard Edwin P.	Mann, Henry
Brooks, Henry E	Goddard, Perley	Manning, Thomas J.
Broun John A. Saunderville	Hale, Samuel B Jr	Merchant William H.
Casey, Maurice J.	Hall. Henry	Mitchell John F.
Chamberlin, Edward F.	Hall E. Clifford	Pratt, Charles L.
Chickering Jonas H.	Howe, Edwin A.	Pratt, Clarence L.
Crowe, Patrick H.	Huckins, Francis E.	Putnam, Clarence N.
Davenport, Steam L.	Huckins, George H.	Rice, Ashley W.
Dodge Joseph A.	Jourdan Harrison D.	Rice, Leyman M.
Donovan William E	Keith, John F.	Rogers, Stephen S.
Elliott Aaron	Kelly, James C.	Sargent, Lucius M.
Esten Charles D.	Kirby Alfred J.	Severance Charles A.

Sinclair, E. Herbert
Sherin, David E.
Sherry, William,
Smith, Charles A,
Smith, Addington A.
Smith Walter E,
Stockbridge Romanzo C,
Storrie, William Jr,
Sumner, Clarence
Sweetser, John A,
Thurber, Edward C,
Warren, Horace S,
Whitney, John A,

Francis E Huckins
Henry E. Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
Harrington L. Nichols
Clarence Sumner,
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Hoyt
Town Clerk,

Art 9th Taken up,
Voted, that it be within the centre district

Art 10th taken up
Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and the debts incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes,

Art 11th taken up.
Voted, that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use,

Art 12th taken up,
Voted, that we raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor, and that the money be placed in the hands of the Selectmen

Art 13th taken up.

Voted, that we raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars, for Riverside Cemetery

Art 14th taken up.

Voted, that we raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for Fairview Cemetery,

Art 15th taken up.

Motion made to pass over the article and declared in the affirmative and the vote was doubted. a vote was taken by rising. Alden M Bigelow and Perley Goddard were appointed as Tellers. the result of the vote as declared was yes forty three no forty two,

Motion was made by William E Fowler that an Electric light be placed between the houses of James Fanning and James Brown in the centre. also, one between Saundersville and Fisherville, Amendment by A A Simmons as follows, that the whole matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen for them to locate them there if they think them necessary, and the sum of twenty-four dollars be raised and appropriated therefor. the amendment was accepted by the mover of the original motion, and it was voted in the affirmative,

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Warrant,
Special Town Meeting March 14, 1896

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester: Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the fourteenth day of March current at 4.30 o'clock P. M, to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st.

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art. 2nd.

To see if the Town will discontinue about one thousand feet of the town road near and northerly of the residence of Harry W. Smith, on Brigham Heill, and to see if the Town will accept a new road built northerly of the first mentioned road, and act thereon,

Art 3rd

To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of the Pine Grove Cemetery, to renew, repair, and paint the fence, and otherwise improve the grounds, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same, or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E. Brooks
Harrington L. Nichols
Thomas Wilmarth
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, S.S,
March ninth 1896

I have served the foregoing Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the seventh day of March current at 4.25 P.M., being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the return

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 14th 1896.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs. met in the Town Hall on Saturday the fourteenth day of March A D 1896 at 4.30 o'clock P. M. and were called to order by the Town Clerk. who then read the warrant and the officers return thereon.

Art 1st taken up.

The meeting made choice of Leyman M Rice as Moderator. the check list being used, seven votes were cast all for Leyman M. Rice.
Francis E. Huckins and Clarence Sumner were sworn as Tellers, by the Town Clerk, to check list and count said vote

Art 2nd taken up.

Voted, to pass over the article

Art 3rd taken up.

Voted. that we raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars. to renew and repair the fence and otherwise improve the grounds of Pine Grove Cemetery.

Voted, to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the board of Selectmen held this 14th day of March 1896 the following appointments
Perley Goddard Inspector of Animals + Provision
Fred A Richardson Special Police

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

American Telephone and Telegraph Co
Relocation

Boston Mass January 10th 1896

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
of the Town of Grafton Greeting:-

Whereas, in accordance and in compliance with the terms of your request of November 7th 1895; we have vacated various locations, in favor of the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company and have as requested, occupied new locations within your township as directed by you, we now therefore respectfully ask that our present locations be confirmed and approved by your honorable board, according to a plan herewith submitted, and made a part of this petition.

The American Telephone & Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts
by Wm E Durgin
District Superintendent

The relocation of the Poles & Wires by the Am Telephone & Telegraph Co of Mass- as shown by Map and Plan has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

F. E Hickey
C Sumner
Selectmen of Grafton

Feb 3rd 1896

Recvd Apr 6th - 1896
A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

At the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held April 6th. 1896 the following appointments were made

Undertaker Amos G. Getchell & Son

J. Frank Donahue Benjamin F. Gibson.

Sealer of weights & Measures.

Samuel E Leeland

Weighers and measurers of Coal & Wood,

John Barney James A Young Jr Thos Wilmarth

E D. Holbrook. B D. Adams William Storrie Jr

Le K Leeland J. E. McClellan. F. A. Dodge

Henry Mann - A. J. Higgins

Special Police

James W. Goulet, E E Howe Justice of P. Apr 7th/96

Keeper of Lock-up & Pound

James Carney, Apr 7th - 96 before Town Clerk

Superintendent of Streets

Frank E. Vinton, Apr 8-96 before Town Clerk.

Engineer of Fire Department

Alden M Bigelow. Henry Mann Henry E Brooks

George H. Huckins, Thomas Wilmarth. David S Bassett

Forest Fire Wards.

Andrew J Higgins. John A Brown James Platt

Perley Goddard Elias E Stowe. David L. Fiske.

John E. McClellan. William H Miles. Seyman M. Rice

Samuel H. Knowlton. Amos G. Getchell. Cyrus R Axtell

John A. Sweetser and the Fire Engineers.

Clarence Sumner

Clerk

A true copy

Attest

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk

At the Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held Wednesday evening April 22nd 1896 Frank E Vinton was appointed an Engineer of the Fire Department

Clarence Sumner
Clerk of

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass May 2nd 1896

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the Annual Town meeting held March 2nd 1896, without examining the same, and the Envelope containing said ballots has not been opened since said election but was destroyed with the Seal unbroken, as required by Law.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton July 16th 1896
Mabel L. Howe appointed Assistant Town Clerk by Edwin A. Howe the Town Clerk in accordance with Sec 1 Chapt 60 Acts of 1893 & Sec 1 Chapt 142 Acts of 1895

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton July 16th 1896
Mabel L Howe sworn as Assistant Town Clerk by me this day
Edwin A Howe
Justice of the Peace

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

State Election Nov 3rd 1896

Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in State elections to meet in the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday the third Monday of November next at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for the following named officers and for or against the following mentioned proposed amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth to wit: Electors of President and Vice President (15) Governor of the Commonwealth Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, Auditor of the Commonwealth Councillor of Seventh District, County Commissioners of Worcester County, Representative in Congress: Third Congressional District, Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatorial District, 2 Representatives for the Ninth Representative District.

First Article of Amendment.

The Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, and Councillors shall hold their respective offices for two years next following the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their election and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November

All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistant with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.
The Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General, shall hold their respective offices for two years beginning with the third Wednesday in the January succeeding their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.
A person shall be elegible as Treasurer and Receiver General for three successive terms and no more
The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.
All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provision herein contained are hereby annulled

Second Article of Amendment.

Senators and Representatives shall hold their respective offices for terms of two years, beginning with the first Wednesday in January succeeding their election. The first election to which this shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and thereafter elections for the choice of Senators and Representatives shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.
The General Court shall assemble every year on the first Wednesday in January; and each General Court shall, without any proclamation or other act of the Governor, be finally dissolved on the day preceding the day appointed for the first assembling of the next elected General Court.
All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with

contained are hereby annulled.
The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock a.m. and may be closed at 3 o'clock P.M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of Sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the Center of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.
Given under our hands, this 24th day of October (1896) in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six

Francis E. Hockin
Henry E. Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
Harrington L. Nichols
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Oct 26th 1896.
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, Saundersville on Monday the 26th day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 3rd 1896

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in State election met in the Town Hall at 7 o'clock a m.

The meeting was called to order by Francis E Huckins Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk. Voted to close the Polls at 4 o'clock p m.

The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered by Francis E Huckins the presiding officer, and his receipt therefor given to the Town Clerk.

The cards of instruction was posted in each of the voting compartments and the specimen ballots and cards of instructions were posted in the Hall outside the Rail as the law directs.

Clarence N Putnam Dem. was sworn as ballot clerk. Clarence Sumner Rep. one of the Board of Selectmen, acted as ballot Clerk. The ballots and the Duplicate check list was delivered to the ballot-Clerks.

The Ballot Box was then opened and examined by the election officers and publicly shown to be empty. It was then locked and the Keys given to the Constable in charge at the Polls. Thomas Wilmarth Rep. and Henry E Brooks Dem. were placed in charge of the Check list at the Polls.

The Register on the box standing 0000.

Daniel N. Gibbs Jarne A Jerry James H Johnson Republicans and Perley Goddard M. Henry Prout William E Donovan Frank M. Elliot Democrats were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk.

The Polls were declared open at 7-30 o'clock a m.

By unanimous consent of the election Officers the Ballot-Box was opened when the Register stood at 126 and one hundred ballots removed. also when the Register stood at 312 and one hundred ballots removed and also at three other times it was opened and 2 H. 2 H. and 1 H. ballots respectfully taken out at each time they were counted

ann a loud voice by the presiding Officer
The Polls were closed at 4 O'clock
At the close of the Polls the regieter stood 708.
The names of those on the list of voters both at the Polls
and at the Table of the Ballot clerks which had been
checked were audibly counted and found to be
as follow Leist at Polls Seven hundred and twelve (712)
Leist at table Seven hundred and twelve (712)
The remaining ballots were then taken from the ballot-box
and audibly counted making seven hundred twelve
being four more than registered at the box
The ballots having been sorted and counted declaration
thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows

For Elector of Preeident and Vic Preeident.

At Leargc.

Ernest C Marshall of	Boston	had	Seventy (70)
Daniel W. Kenney "	Holyoke	"	Seventy (70)
Henry Winn "	Malden	"	Ten (10)
Edward Kendall "	Cambridge	"	Seven (7)
Alfred W. Richardson "	Springfield	"	Seven (7)
John Z. A. Brackett "	Arlington	"	Five hundred seventy nine (579)
William H. Haile "	Springfield	"	Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Thomas J. Gargan "	Boston	"	Twenty (20)
James S. Grinnell "	Greenfield		Twenty (20)
Blanks.			Sixty two (62)

District #1

William B. Mahoney of	Westfield	had	Seventy (70)
Frank S Gross "	Lee	"	Nine (9)
Edward S Rogers "	Lee	"	Seven (7)
Franklin Carter "	Williamstown	"	Five hundred seventy nine (579)
James W. Hull of	Pittsfield		Twenty (20)
Blanks			Twenty seven (27)

District #2.

Joseph C. Callahan of Springfield had Seventy (70)
William M. E. Mellen " Chicopee " Ten (10)
Hubbard Laurence " Palmer " Seven (7)
Augustus Coolidge " Athol Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Leander B Moree " Athol " Twenty (20)
Blank Twenty six (26)

District #3rd

Levi Barker of Worcester had Seventy (70)
Enoch Earle " Worcester " Ten (10)
John Holt " Sutton " Seven 7
Arthur F. Whiten of Northbridge Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Eben S Stevens " Dudley " Twenty (20)
Blank Twenty six (26)

District #4

Henry J. Jaquith of Welleley had Seventy (70)
Harry J. Jaquith " " " Ten (10)
Edward S. Watkins " Gardner " Seven (7)
Charles H. Moulton " Waltham Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Charles J Miller " Acton " Twenty (20)
Blank Twenty six (26)

District #5

Michael C. Mahoney of Westfield had Seventy (70)
James E. Donoghue of Laurence " Ten (10)
James K Fellows " Lowell " Seven (7)
Joseph Miller " Lowell " Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Sam D. Stevens North Andover " Twenty (20)
Blank Twenty six (26)

District #6

James P. Dearborn of Haverhill had Seventy (70)
Thomas Sanders " Haverhill " Ten (10)
Albert B Coats " Beverly " Seven (7)
Sylvanus Smith " Gloucester Five hundred seventy nine (579)
Robert S Rantoul " Salem Twenty (20)
Blank Twenty six (26)

District # 7

Edward B Newhall	of Lynn	had Seventy	(70)
William J. Brickley	" Everett	" Ten	(10)
Seth Weeks	" Chicopee	" Seven	(7)
Edward N. La Croix	" Lynn	Five hundred seventy nine	(579)
Samuel K. Hamilton	" Wakefield	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Twenty six	(26)

District # 8.

John P. McCormick	of Cambridge	had Seventy	(70)
Abijah Hall	" Boston	" Seven	(7)
Robert C. Fuller	" Cambridge	Five hundred seventy nine	(579)
Godfrey Morse	" Boston	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Thirty six	(39)

District # 9

James J. Lanigan	of Boston	had Seventy	(70)
William J. Burke	" Boston	" Ten	(10)
Charles A Abbott	" Boston	" Seven	(7)
Peter Morrison	" Boston	Five hundred seventy nine	(579)
Sigourney Butler	" Boston	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Twenty six	(26)

District # 10

Quincy A. Colbroth	of Boston	had Eighty	(80)
William J. Hurd	" Boston	" Seven	(7)
John C. Cobb	" Milton	Five hundred seventy nine	(579)
Daniel L. Prendergast	" Boston	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Twenty six	(26)

District # 11

William D. Leahy	of Milford	had Seventy	(70)
James Jeffrey Roche	" Brookline	" Ten	(10)
William H Partridge	" Newton	" Seven	(7)
Wilbur H Powers	" Hyde Park	Five hundred seventy nine	(579)
James E Cotter	" Hyde Park	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Twenty six	(26)

District # 12.

Francis A. Hobart	of Braintree	had	Eighty (80)
Edwin Sawtelle	" Brockton	"	Seven (7)
Henry A. Thomas	" Weymouth	" Five hundred	seventy-nine (579)
Charles G. Davis	" Plymouth	"	Twenty (20)
Blank			Twenty-six (26)

District # 13.

Thomas J. Meaney	of New Bedford	had	Seventy (20)
Charles H. Loane	" Fisbury	"	Nine (9)
Charles A. Chace	" Swanzy	"	Seven (7)
Edmund Anthony	" Fairhaven	Five hundred	seventy-nine (579)
Louis B. Thacher	" Yarmouth	Twenty	(20)
Blank		Twenty-seven	(27)

For Governor

Thomas C. Brophy	of Somerville	had	Eight (8)
Allen Coffin	" Nantucket	"	Fourteen (14)
Frederick O. Prince	" Boston	"	Twenty one (21)
George Fred Williams	of Dedham	Democrat	Sixty four (64)
George Fred Williams	" "	Peoples	Four (4)
George Fred Williams	" "	Democrat Bryan	
		Mem Popes	Twelve (12)
George Fred Williams	" Dedham		Three (3)
Roger Wolcott	of Boston	Five hundred	fifteen (515)
Blank		Seventy one	(71)

For Lieutenant Governor

Christopher T. Callahan	of Holyoke	had	Seventy one (71)
W. Murry Crane	of Dalton	" Four hundred	ninety six (496)
Archibald Dakin	" Brockton	Four	(4)
James E. McConnell	" Fitchburg	Twenty two	(22)
William N. Nash	" Williamsburg	Eleven	(11)
Moritz E. Ruther	" Holyoke	Three	(3)
Blank		One hundred	twelve (112)

Secretary

Asa F. Hall of Hudson had	Two	(2)
Waldo Lincoln of Worcester "	Twenty seven	(27)
William M. Olin "	Boston Five hundred two	(502)
Joseph Polto "	Lynn Fifty four	(54)
Leroy D. Usher "	Worcester Three	(3)
Willard C Wylie "	Beverly Twelve	(12)
Blanks	One hundred twelve	(112)

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Maurice F Cavanaugh of Springfield had	Twenty one	(21)
Maurice J Fitzgerald of	Boston Fifty two	(52)
Thomas A. Friesell "	Hinsdale Thirteen	(13)
John W. Kimball "	Fitchburg Four hundred ninety seven	(497)
Rufus H. Phinny "	Lynn Three	(3)
Charles C Spellman "	Springfield Thirteen	(13)
Blank	One hundred thirteen	(113)

For Attorney General

John C. Chase of Haverhill had	Three	(3)
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst	Thirteen	(13)
Henry F. Hurlburt "	Lynn Twenty eight	(28)
Hosea M. Knowlton "	New Bedford Four hundred ninety one	(491)
John B O'Donnell	Northampton Sixty four	(64)
Blank	One hundred thirteen	(113)

Councillor 7th Dist

John Gregson of Worcester had	Eighty seven	(87)
Allen L. Joslin "	Oxford " Five hundred fourteen	(514)
Blanks	One hundred eleven	(111)

Senator 2nd Worcester Dist

William Henry Cook of Milford had	Four hundred ninety eight	(498)
Sumner Stockwell of	Shrewsbury One hundred sixteen	(116)
Edwin S Tingley "	Milford Eleven	(11)
Blank	Eighty seven	(87)

For Representative in General Court.
9th Worcester District

Cornelius R. Day	of Blackstone	had Four hundred thirty five	(435)
John E. McClellan	of Uxbridge	Four hundred seventy seven	(477)
Aaron Elliot	Five hun	One	(1)
B B Nourse		One	(1)
Blank		Five hundred Ten	(510)

For Clerk of Courts

Theodore S. Johnson	of Worcester	had Five hundred twenty-one	(521)
Edward McMahon	" Worcester	Eighty-eight	(88)
Blank		One hundred three	(103)

For County Commissioner

Gideon M. Aldrich	of Uxbridge	had Eighty-three	83
Henry G. Taft	" Uxbridge	Five hundred nineteen	(519)
Blank		One hundred thirteen	(113)

For Representative in Congress 3rd Dist

John O'Gara	of Spencer	had Ninety-two	(92)
Joseph H. Walker	of Worcester	" Five hundred thirty	(530)
Blank		Ninety	(98)

1st Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	One hundred ninety nine	(199)
No	Two hundred twenty-four	(224)
Blank	Two hundred eighty-nine	(289)

2nd Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	one hundred seventy four	(174)
No	Two hundred twenty-seven	(227)
Blank	Three hundred eleven	(311)

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen countersigned by the Town Clerk and sealed up in open Town meeting, and delivered to the

Town Clerk to be forwarded to their place of destination
The votes cast and the check-list used by the election
Officers were sealed up in different packages endorsed
by the proper officers, and delivered into the custody of
the Town Clerk, in accordance with the law in
such cases made and provided.
Voted to dissolve the meeting at 5-45 P.M.

A true Record
Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Nov 4th 1896

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen
held Saturday evening Oct 24th Le Waller
Sargent was appointed a Special Police Officer faithfully
and he appeared Oct 31st 1896 and made oath to fulfill
the duties of the Office before the Town Clerk

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 9th 1896

Personally appeared J. E McClellan and made
oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Weigher
and measurer.

before me
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

A meeting of the Town Clerks Blackstone, Grafton Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge comprising the Ninth Worcester Representative District was held in the Town Clerks office in Uxbridge November 13th at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representative in the General Court from said District. The returns as made by the Selectmen of the several town were opened and examined and it was found that Cornelius R Day of Blackstone and John E McClellan of Grafton were elected and the Certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the several Town Clerk

Statement of vote for

Representative in General Court 9th Worcester Dietrict Miss Corne

Name of Candidate	Residence	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge		Total
Cornelius R Day	Blackstone	544	435	505	197	404		2085
John E McClellan	Grafton	382	477	488	175	299		1821
Aaron Elliot			1					1
B. B Nourse			1					1
Clarence Putnam					1			1
name Unknown					1			1
Michael Black		1						1
Merley Stearns		1						1
Michael Fitzgerald		1						1
T F Gorman						1		1
George McNeeley						1		1
J Heffernan		1						1
Tom McCooley		1						1
M. Graham		2						2
William Bowler		1						1
Garret Fahy						1		1
Blank		873	510	509	210	566		2667
		1806	1424	1502	584	1272		6588

We, the Town Clerks of the several towns of the Ninth

Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true Statement of the returns of votes cast on the third day of November, 1896 for Representatives to the General Court made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District.

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A Hoyt " " " Grafton
Joseph A. Johnson " " " Northbridge
George E Stone " " " Shrewsbury
Edward Barker " " " Uxbridge

Uxbridge Mass. Nov 13, 1896

A true copy of Statement.

Attest

Edwin A Hoyt Town Clerk

Attest

Edwin A. Hoyt

Town Clerk

Grafton January 4th 1897

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the State Election held November 3rd 1896 without examining the same, the envelope containing said ballots has not been opened since said election but was destroyed as by law directed

Attest

Edwin A Hoyt

Town Clerk

Springfield, Mass., November 14th 1896

To the Honorable

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. Mass:

Gentlemen:-

Whereas on or about the first day of March, 1889, the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton located this Company's line within your town limits but made no record of it as is provided in the Statutes of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas the Company desires to have its location recorded as therein provided.

We now respectfully request your honorable body to confirm the present location of its line in your town, and grant it permission to construct, operate and maintain it through your town entering from Northbridge on the South and following generally along the highway to Sutton.

The location of its poles and fixtures to be generally as now located, the length of the poles to be not less than twenty-five feet and the kinds to be of pine, cedar, or chestnut.

Very Respectfully,

American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By C. L. Mason

Right of way Agent.

Town of Grafton.

Selectmen office

Grafton, Mass., December 7th 1896.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts;

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in their office this day permission was granted you construct, operate and maintain a line of poles and wires, with the necessary fixtures, through this town entering from Northbridge on the South and following generally along the highway to the Town of Sutton.

The location to be as now existing, except that changes in the location of any poles that may be necessary by reason of improvements, or changes in the curb-line, or otherwise, may be made by the Company at any time under the direction of the Selectmen; the length of the poles to be not less than twenty-five feet, and the kind to be of pine, cedar, or chestnut.

It is understood and agreed that the Town of Grafton is to be saved harmless of and from all damages, or claims for damage on account of the construction, operation and maintenance of said line of poles and fixtures in said town.

Yours Truly,
F. E. Huckins
H. E. Brooks
H. L. Nichols
C Sumner
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Worcester S. S.
Town of Grafton

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a duplicate of a writing this day filed in my office as Town Clerk by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, and recorded in records of said Town.

Witness my hand as Clerk of the Town of Grafton this 7 day of ~~November~~ December, 1896.

Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

A true copy
Attest.
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Millbury, Mass May 18th 1896.

To the Honorable Board
of Selectmen of Grafton.

The Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company represents that it is unable to finish the said Road and have it in operation within the time mentioned in the decree from the said town, on account of delay by contractor in delivery of bridge for Fisherville, and it therefore petition your Honorable Board to extend the time in the said decree six months from the time therein mentioned, a time of expiration of time limit for equipment, completion and operation of said Road.

J H. Ferguson President
Herbert A. Ryan Treasurer.

It is hereby voted and ordered that time mentioned in decree from said town, to the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company, be extended six months from June 1st 1896.

F. E Hickins
H E Brooks
H. Le. Nichol
C Sumner
Thos Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 28, 1896

Copy of Extention of Franchise

It is hereby voted and ordered that the time mentioned in decree from said town to the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company be extended twelve months from Dec 1st 1896

F. E Hickins H Le Nichol
H E Brook C Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting
January 21. 1897.

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the twenty first day of January inst. at 7-45 o'clock P.M. to act on the following article, to wit;;

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the purposes herein named viz; For Common School teaches $660.00 For Fuel and janitors (high & Common school) $130.00 For Repairs and fixture $52.00 For Books and Supplies $30.00 For Miscellaneous $59.00 For conveyance of pupils Comma School $134.00 For conveyance pupils high school $238.00.

Art 3. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the above in anticipation of Taxes of the year 1897.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumville Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this 11th day of Jany in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 97.

Francis E Huckins Harrison L. Nichols } Selectmen of
Henry E Brooks Clarence Sumner } Grafton

Worcester SS. January 12th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunderson Hill on Tuesday the 12th day of January current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carey
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Return
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Jany 21. 1897

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the town met in the Town Hall in said town this day at 7.45 P.M. In the absence of the Town Clerk, F. E Huckins Chairman of the Board of Selectmen called the meeting to order. Henry E. Brooks and Harrington K. Nichols were appointed tellers and were sworn. Then proceeded to Ballot for a Town Clerk pro tem. Whole number of votes 8. Clarence Sumner had 8 and was elected, and sworn in. After reading of the warrant
Art 1st was taken up, and ballot taken for Moderator whole number of votes cast 7. Seyman M. Rice had 7 and was elected.
Art 2nd taken up. Motion made by J. A. Dodge to raise and appropriate the sums asked for. The motion carried
Art 3rd taken up. Motion made by Geo K Nichols that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the sums called for in anticipation of Taxes of the year 1897 The motion carried Motion to dissolve the meeting

Clarence Sumner Town Clerk Pro tem

A true copy
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Warrant
Annual Town meeting March 1st 1897.

Worcester, S.S.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester:

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of March next at seven o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit

Art 1st.

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd.

To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year. And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The votes for all of the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7.30 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at one o'clock P. M, or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. Also to choose all other necessary

Town Officers for the year ensuing ~~[illegible]~~

Art 3rd

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon, ———

Art 4th

To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon ———

Art 5th

To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determin when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon, ———

Art 6th

To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon, —

Art 7th

To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon, ———

Art 8th

To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon —

Art 9th

To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year, ———

Art 10th

To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town, ———

Art 11th

To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for Collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use ———

Art 12th-
To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon,

Art 13th-
To see if the town will vote to take from the Louisa A.R. Field library fund the sum of $300.00 which was bequeathed by the said Louisa A.R Field for the purpose of a perpetual fund, the annual income to be subject to the demand of the trustees of the Riverside Cemetery upon condition that they keep the lot owned by Rawson and Field in an orderly condition and place said $300.00 so taken from the Louisa A.R Field library fund, in the funds held by the town for cemetery purposes, the town paying interest thereon and applying the same to the purposes named in the first clause of the will of the said Louisa A.R. Field or to deposit said $300.00 in some savings bank the income thereof to be applied to the same purpose.

Art 14th-
To see if the town will vote to maintain not exceeding four (4) additional Electric Street lights, The same to be located on old Upton Street between the estates of Clarence Sumner and H. Edward Abbott in said Town, or act thereon. As petetioned for by W.H Thurelow and others

Art 15th-
To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the erection of an electric light on Prospect Street at North Grafton, Appropriate money for the same or act thereon as petitioned for by Saml A Knowlton and others

Art 16th.
To see if the Town will build a sidewalk from Shrewsbury Street to the factory of William Paton and make appropriation for the same or act thereon as petitioned for by C. H. Nelson and others.

Art 17th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Fairview Cemetery or act thereon as petitioned for by Willis S. Correll and others. ———

Art 18th

To see if the town will cause the valuation list of the ensuing year to be printed or act thereon, as petitioned for by Stearns & Davenport and others. ———

Art 19th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $300 for Riverside Cemetery or act thereon, as petitioned for by John E McClellan and others. ———

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting ———

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. ———

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
Harrington L Nichols
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester SS.

February 20th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 20th day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carey
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon,
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton March 1st 1897.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said Town at seven o'clock A.M. March 1st. 1897 ——

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officer's return thereon. Francis E Huckins and Clarence Sumner were appointed to check the list and count the votes for Moderator. ——

Art 1st taken up.

A ballot was taken for Moderator the Check list being used Sixty votes were cast all for Legman M Rice and he was declared elected. and took the Chair. ——

Art 2 taken up. Clarence Sumner Rep and Clarence Putnam Dem having been appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen they were sworn by the Town Clerk ——

The Town Clerk delivered to the ballot Clerks a Duplicate Check List and a package containing the official ballots to be used and received their receipt for the same. ——

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots having been posted according to law, the ballot box was opened examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and publicly shown to be empty it was then closed locked and the Key given to Henry Mann Constable at the Polls The Register standing 0000. ——

Francis E Huckins Rep and Henry E Burks Dem were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk and were placed in charge of the check list at the Polls. ——

William H. Miles was sworn by the Town clerk and was put in charge of the Ballot Box.

Polls were declared open at 7.30 o'clock A.M.

On motion of E A Lowe it was voted that the polls be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. and that immediately after the votes for Town officers is declared and the ballots sealed up this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 6th at half past one o'clock in the afternoon

and that no other business be taken up until that time
Daniel P. Gibbs Harrington & Nichols Repr and Perley
Goddard & William E. Donovan Dem. were sworn as Tellers
by the Town Clerk.

During the voting the ballot box was opened when the
Register stood at 97 and fifty ballots removed.
M Henry Prout & Thomas J Ryan Dems Clifford A Johnson
& Samuel B Hale Jr Repr were sworn as Tellers by
the Moderator. The ballot box was opened at different times
as follows when it Registered 266 and 100 ballot removed.
also Regist. 220. & 50 removed also Register 280. & 50
ballots removed also 301 and and fifty more taken out
also 421 and 100 taken out also Register 532 and
50 taken out. also Register at 554 and 50 more taken out
Polls closed at 4 o clock, when the Register on the box
stood at 571, when the ballots were removed there was 20
making 570 ballots removed in all. being one less
than the number registered by the box. at each time
ballots were removed they were counted audibly by the Moderator
The names checked both at the table of the ballot clerks
and at the polls were audibly counted and it
was found that 570 names were checked on each list
The ballots having been sorted and counted, a public
declaration thereof was made in open meeting, and
recorded as follows:

For Town Clerk

Edwin A. Moore had	four hundred thirty two	(432)
Boney Temple "	one	(1)
Blanks	one hundred thirty seven	(137)
Whole number of votes		570

Edwin A. Moore declared elected and sworn by the Moderator

For Selectmen

George B Brooks had	two hundred eighty five	285
Henry E Brooks "	two hundred ninety four	294
Stearnes L Davenport "	two hundred ninety two	292
Clarence H. Elliot "	three hundred twenty six	326

Francis E. Huckins had two hundred ninety two 292
Joseph Le. Keith had two hundred thirty eight 238
Clarence Sumner " three hundred seventy four 374
Park H. Webb " two hundred eighty nine 289
John Fleming " one 1
Blanks four hundred fifty nine 459
Whole number of votes 2850
Henry E Brooks Steanes Le Davenport Clarence H Elliot
Francis E. Huckins and Clarence Sumner declared elected
And Henry E Brooks, Francis E. Huckins, Clarence Sumner
were sworn by the Moderator in open Town meeting
Steanes Le Davenport and Clarence H. Elliot sworn by the Town Clerk

For Treasurer

Arthur A. Semmons had four hundred eighty five 465
Blanks one hundred and five 105
Whole number of vote 570
Arthur A. Simmons declared elected
Arthur A Semmons sworn by the Town Clerk March 6. 1897

For Assessor for three years.

John A Sweetser had four hundred thirty 430
A M. Bigelow " one 1
Blanks one hundred thirty nine 139
Whole number of votes 570
John A. Sweetser declared elected and
Sworn by the Town Clerk

For Collector of Taxes

Edwin A Howe had four hundred ninety one 491
Blank seventy nine 79
Whole number of votes 570
Edwin A Howe declared elected and sworn by the
Moderator in open Town meeting

Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Henry Le. Banister had four hundred twenty 420
Blank had one hundred fifty 150
Henry Le Banister Whole number of votes 570
declared elected and

For School Committee for three years

Francis M McGarry	had four hundred six	406
George Bigelow	one	1
Blank.	had one hundred sixty three	163
Whole number of votes		570

Francis M. McGarry was declared elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years

Charles L. Pratt	had four hundred fifteen	415
Blank	" one hundred fifty five	155
		570

Charles L. Pratt was declared elected

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years

George H. Huckins	had three hundred eight	308
Charles J. Wilder	" eighty eight	88
Blanks	" one hundred seventy four	174
		570

George H. Huckins was declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years

Charles J Wilder	had three hundred forty six	346
Blank	" two hundred twenty four	224
Whole number of votes		570

Charles J Wilder was declared elected.

For Auditor

John J Fenge	had two hundred ninety four	294
John J Fleming	" one hundred thirty seven	137
Joseph D. Goddard	" two hundred fourteen	214
Charles H. Miles	" three hundred twenty four	324
James A. Young	" two hundred forty eight	248
Blank	four hundred ninety three	493
Whole number of votes		1710

And John J. Fenge Charles H Miles. James A Young was declared elected.

Charles H Miles and James A Young sworn by the Town Clerk

John J Fenge sworn by the Town Clerk

For Common Committe for three year

D. Webster Norcross had four hundred five 405
Blank one hundred eighty five 165
Whole number of votes 570
D. Webster Norcross declared elected

For Town House Committe for three year

Horace S Warren had three hundred ninety three 393
Chas Goddard " one 1
Blank one hundred seventy six 176
Whole number of votes 570
Horace S. Warren declared elected

For Constables

James Carney had four hundred fifteen 415
Amos L. Getchell " three hundred eighty 380
William A Getchell three hundred seventy six 376
James W. Gould three hundred eighteen 318
James Harding two hundred fifty nine 259
Edward V. Hitchings three hundred thirty three 333
Henry Mann three hundred eighty nine 369
James T. Shirley three hundred six 306
William P. Spencer three hundred twenty five 325
Blank fourteen hundred eighty eight 1488
Whole number of votes. 4560
The following were declared elected
James Carney Sworn by Moderator in open Town meeting
Amos L Getchell sworn Mar 2/97 by Lewther K Leeland Justice of the Peace
William A Getchell Sworn Mar 2/97 by Lewther K Leeland Justice of the Peace
James W. Gould Sworn Mar 9/97 by E. E Hoar Justice of the Peace
Edward V. Hitchings Sworn by the Town Clerk,
Henry Mann Sworn by Moderator in open Town meeting
James T. Shirley
William P Spencer. Sworn by the Town Clerk Mar 10. 1897

Lecense Vote

Yes had two hundred eighty four 284
No " two hundred thirty two 232
Blank fifty four 54
570

The ballots cast and the check-lists used at this election were sealed up in open Town meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk as the law directs. And the meeting was adjourned until Saturday March 6th at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon

Attest Record
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 6th 1897.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall at One o'clock and thirty minutes P.M pursuant to adjournment from March First.

The meeting was called to order by Lyman M. Rice Moderator and the following business was transacted

On Motion of Francis E. Huckins the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Art 2nd taken up.

Perley Goddard D. Webster Norcross and David L. Fiske were elected Fence viewers and were sworn by the moderator

Franklin Bancroft, George B. Archer. Theodore F. Smith were elected Field drivers.

Voted that all remaining Town officers be appointed by the Selectmen

On motion of Silas E. Howe it was Voted: "To see if the Town will cause the Selectmen to post in a conspicuous place on all incoming Streets into the Town Article 6th of the By Laws of the Town.

And also Article 13th to post notices and that the Selectmen shall see that these articles are inforced in compliance with Article 15th."

Art. 3rd taken up.

Voted to accept the Selectmens Report as printed

Voted to accept the Treasurers Report as printed.

Voted to accept the Collectors Report as printed with the following

correction the footings on page 33 should read $20722.55 and $22655.50

Voted to accept the report of the Town House Committee as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Streets as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Town Clerk as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Assessors as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed
Voted to accept the Report of Engineers of the Fire Dept. as printed.
Voted to accept the Report of the Common Committee as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Quartermaster of A.R. Sprague Post 24 G.A.R. as printed
Voted to accept the Report of the Town Treasurer, account of the "Rawson Fund" as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Inspector of Animals and Provisions, as printed
Voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, as printed.
Voted to accept the Report of the School Committee as printed.

All the above mentioned reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office, to which reference may be had.

Art 4th taken up.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following each item was acted upon separately.

Town Bonds 22, 23, 24.	$1500,00
Interest	3000,00
High School Teachers	2450,00

for Common School teachers. Samuel H. Knowlton made a motion that we raise and appropriate $7700,00 Amendment made by Francis M. McGarry that it be $8400,00 and the Amendment was carried and the Original motion as amended was passed in the affirmative

For Fuel and Janitors.	$1550,00
" Books and Supplies	1200,00
" Repairs and Fixtures	1200,00
" Miscellaneous for Schools	300,00
" Conveyance of pupils. Common School	1350,00
" " " " High School	350,00
" Fire Department	1400,00
" Highways	4000,00
" Sidewalks North $200, South $200, Central $200,	600,00
" Support of poor	5500,00
" Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer & School Com.	1800,00
" Town Clerk's salary	100,00
" Town Treasurer's salary	100,00
" School Committee	250,00
" Superintendent of Schools	350,00
" Free Public Library	By Fund
" Delivery of Books in the Village	113,00
" Hydrant Rental	2500,00
" Memorial Day	100,00
" Common	100,00
" Soldiers Aid, Chap. 287 Acts 1889	300,00
" Snow bills	500,00
" Bonds for Treasurer & Collector	225,00
" Street lighting	2400,00
" Miscellaneous	1500,00
" Insurance	250,00
" Military Aid	200,00
" Prosecution of liquor cases	300,00
" New Hose for Fire Dept.	120,00

Art. 5th taken up

Voted that it be the same as last year which is as follows

That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes. That all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By Laws of the town. That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent. ——

Art 6th. Voted to indefinately postpone. ——

Art 7th taken up.

Voted that the compensation be Ten dollars. same as last year

Art 8th taken up.

Voted to accept the following list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. to wit:

Adams Erastus	Goddard Charles	Mitchell John T.
Astell Cyrus R.	Goddard Edwin P.	Macker Dean W.
Bancleter Henry Le.	Goddard Perley	Milee Charles He.
Barber Albert	Hale Samuel Jr.	Nichol George K.
Bassett David S.	Hall. Henry	Pratt Charles Le.
Batchelder Charles M.	Hall E. Clifford	Pratt Clarence R.
Batchelor Sanford Le.	Howe Edwin A.	Putnams Clarence N.
Brewer Thomas He.	Huckins Francis E.	Rice Ashley W.
Brooks Henry E.	Jourdan Harrison D.	Rice Leyman M.
Brown John A. Sainesbury ville	Keith. John T.	Rogers Stephen S.
Carey Mamie J.	Kelley, James C.	Severance Charles A.
Chamberlin Edward T.	Kirly, Alfred J.	Sinclair & Herbert
Chickering Jonas H.	Knight Willard P.	Sherin David E.
Chase Daniel S.	Knowlton, Samuel H.	Sherry William
Coyne Patrick	Leeland Samuel E.	Smith-Addington A.
Davenport Stearns Le.	Leeland Henry R.	Smith, Walter E.
Donovan William E.	Lincoln Dwight E.	Smith Solon T.
Daniels Samuel C.	Longee George F.	Sumner Clarence
Elliott Aaron	Lowell. Alfred E.	Sweeter John A.
Fay George A.	Lynch Thomas J.	Thurber Edward Le.
Fiske David Le.	Longley Charles W.	Warren Horace S.
Fletcher William C.	Mann Henry	Whitney. John A.
Getchell William A.	Manning Thomas J.	Ward James R.
Gibbs Daniel N.	Merchant William H.	also the name of George M Newton. was added in meeting
Getchell Amos G.	Huckins George H.	

Art 9th taken up.

Voted that it be within the center district

Art 10th taken up

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debt incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art 11th taken up.

Voted. that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use.

Art 12th voted to pass over the Art.

Art 13th taken up

On Motion of Arthur A Simmons it was voted :-

That whereas by the will of Louisa A.R. Field the sum of $300 was bequeathed as a perpetual fund the income to be subject to the demand of the trustees of Riverside Cemetery upon condition that they keep the lot owned by Rawson and Field in an orderly condition; and whereas through a certain misunderstanding of the rights and obligations of the Town in respect thereto, the said sum of $300, passed into the residue of said estate and became part of what is known as the Louisa A R Field library fund, and it is desireable that said sum should be appropriated according to the intent and purpose of the last will and testament of said Louisa A.R Field, therefore it is hereby voted that the said sum of $300. be taken from the said Louisa A R Field, library fund and invested by the treasurer of the town either by placing the same in funds held by the town for cemetery purposes, the town to pay interest thereon and apply the said interest and income in accordance with the first article in the will of said Louisa A R Field, or by depositing the same in some savings bank, the income to be applied in the same way

Art 14th Taken up.
Voted to pass over the article ——
Art 15th Taken up.
Voted to pass over the article ——
Art 16th Taken up.
Voted to pass over the article ——
Motion made by David De Fiske that we reconsider the vote whereby we voted to pass over the 14th article, and the motion was not carried ——
Art 17th Taken
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for Fairview Cemetery. ——
Art 2nd Taken up.
Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint five Police officers to look after Tramps, in accordance to Law.
Art 18 Taken up.
Voted. That the Assessors cause the valuation list of the ensuing year to be printed on or before Oct 1st. ——
Art 19th Taken up.
Voted, That we raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for Riverside Cemetery. ——

Voted to dissolve the meeting
A true Record
Attest
Edwin A Hoyt
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held March 6th 1897 the following appointments were made
Agent of the Board of Health and Inspector of Animals and Provisions Perley Goddard who was sworn by the Town Clerk. Frank E Vinton Supt of Streets
James Carey Keeper of Lock-up + Pound sworn by the Town Clerk
Sealers of Weights and measures.

John Barney — James A Gerry
E D Holbrook — T Wilmarth
B D Adams Sworn March 11 — J E McClellan
Williams Storrie Jr Sworn March 11 — Henry Mann
L K Leeland — F A Dodge
A J Higgins.

For the Board of Selectmen
C Sumner Clerk

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton April 5th 1897

The following appointments made at the Regular meeting of the Selectmen.

Special Police George A. Dearborn sworn by Town clerk April 6th 97
Sealer of Weights & Measures Wm Storrie Jr.
Registrar of votes for this year Charles M Batcheleder.
Agent for Faulkner Block H. L. Nichols
Engineers of Fire Department F E Vinton Henry Mann Henry E Brooks. David S Bassett. Thomas Wilmarth Geo H Huckins.
Forrest Fire Wards John A Brown Silas E Stowe D. L. Fiske. John A. Sweeter. James Platt. A. S Getchell Perley Goddard. Cyrus K Aplett. John E McClellan W. H Miles Seth Stockwell. L M. Rice S. H Knowlton and the Fire Engineers
A S Getchell granted Auctioneers licence

For the Board of Selectmen
C Sumner Clerk

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton April 20th 1897

At a Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen the following persons were appointed Undertakers

Amos G. Getchell & Son

J. Frank Donahue

Benjamin F Gibson

For the Board of Selectmen

C Sumner Clerk

Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton May 12th 1897

Thomas J. Sheehan appointed Special Police By the Board of Selectmen and Sworn June 21st by Lewellyn K Leeland Justice of the Peace

C. Sumner Clerk

Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk.

Grafton Mass May 20 1897

James Harding appointed Special Police By the Board of Selectmen and Sworn June 12 97 by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

C. Sumner Clerk

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk.

Grafton May 20th 1897

This may certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the package containing all the ballots cast at the Annual Town Meeting March 22nd 1897 said package was destroyed with out the Seal being broken being preserved

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Special Meeting May 20th 1897

Warant.

Worceeler, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Graflon, in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Graflon, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Graflon, on Thursday the 20th day of May current at Seven thirty o'clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1.

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting—

Art 2.

To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to contract with the Mass Highway Commission for State Highway, under Sec 4 Chapter 497 acts of 1894 or act thereon,—

Art 3

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money sufficient to repair the now Stopped up drain from Chestnut Hill at the point of its junction with the drain from North Street or act thereon as petitioned for by S. F. Smith and others.—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post-Offices in North Graflon, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-

hundred and ninety seven

Francis E. Huckins
Henry E. Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
Stearns L. Davenport
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester S.S.

May 13th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Thursday the thirteenth day of May current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return attest Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk

Grafton May 20th 1897

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall at Seven thirty o'clock P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Art 1st taken up.

Seyman M. Rice was elected Moderator.

Art 2nd taken up

On Motion of Evan Panin, it was voted That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Mass Highway Commission for State Highway, under Sec 4 Chapter 497, acts 1894.

Art 3rd taken up.

On motion of S. F. Smith it was voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of Not exceeding four hundred dollars ~~Dollars~~ for the purposes named in the Art. and that it be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

On motion voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest-

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk.

Grafton July 3rd 1897

The following appointments made for Special Police

James A. Reeby Farnumsville Wm H Kingsley Saundersville

For the Board of Selectmen

C. Sumner. Clerk.

Attest-

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk.

James A. Reeby and William H Kingsley sworn as Special Police July 3rd 1897 by

Thomas Wilmarth

Justice of the Peace

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Special Meeting Aug 3rd 1897

Warrant.

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
in the County of Worcester. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in elections
and town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in
said Grafton. on Tuesday the third day of August
next at 7.45 o'clock P.M. to act on the following
articles. to wit

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd

To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen
to sign a release to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
from any and all damages. or claims
caused by change of grade. the taking of land
for the extension of slopes or embankments or
excavations which may be caused by lay out
of State Highway begining at the boundary line
between the towns of Grafton and Millbury and
running in a general easterly direction for
about one mile in Grafton. or act thereon

Art 3rd

To see if the town will cause a Street Electric
light to be erected on Prospect Street in North Grafton
raise and appropriate money for the same, or act
thereon as petitioned for by E. D. Holbrook and nine others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office
in the centre of said Town and at the Post Office
in North Grafton. Farnumsville. Fisherville
and Saundersville. seven days at least before

the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of July Current in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
S L Davenport
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

July 27th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Tuesday the twenty seventh day of July current at 35 min past 2 P. M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton August 3rd 1897

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall at 7.45 o'clock P. M. and the following business was transacted
The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st Taken up.

Leyman M. Rice elected Moderator

Art 2nd Taken up.

On motion of Joseph A. Dodge it was voted ~~that the~~

Selectmen be a Committee to act for the town in releasing the Commonwealth from any and all damages.

Art 3rd taken up.

Motion by Chas M Batchelder to pass over the Art- motion lost.

Motion by Samuel H Knowlton. to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Grafton Electric Company for one electric Light on Prospect- street in North Grafton. and that the sum of twelve dollars be appropriated therefor and the town Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow said Amount said Note to be paid from the tax of 1898. the motion was declared lost, the vote was doubted. when a rising vote was taken S L Davenport and F E Hutchins acting as Tellers the result of the vote was Yes 9. No 10, and the motion declared lost.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Grafton Oct 4th 1897

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day Alden M. Bigelow. and Francis E Hutchins were appointed Weighers.

C. Sumner Clerk.

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Alden M Bigelow sworn by the Town Clerk Oct 4. 97.

Leroflin Mass Oct 23, 1897

Paul Lefourneaux appointed Special Police Officer for Reading Room No Leroflin

Willard E. Claflin Saundersville appointed Special Police Officer.

Per Order Board of Selectmen

C Sumner Clerk

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Paul Lefourneau was sworn as Police Officer by Leuther K Leeland Justice of the Peace Oct 30, 1897

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Warrant.

State Election Election Nov 2. 1897.

Worceeter S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worceeter. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the second day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday, in said month. to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth: also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and a Senator for fifth Worceeter Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Ninth Worceeter Representative District, and for a Regieter of Deeds for the Worceeter District and for a County Treasurer, for Worceeter County and for a County Commiesioner for the County of Worceeter.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7.30 o'clock, a.m. and may be closed at one p.m. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post-Office, in the Centre of said Town and at the Post-Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands, this twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven

F. E Huckins
H. E. Brooks,
C. H. Elliot
S. L. Davenport
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. October 25th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville on Monday the twenty-fifth day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the return thereon

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

State Election Nov 2. 1897

Grafton Nov 2. 1897

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. at 7 o'clock A.M.,

The meeting was called to order by Francis E. Hucking Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Warrant and the officers return thereon was read by the Town Clerk.

The first set of ballots was delivered by the Town Clerk to Francis E Hucking presiding Election officer who receipted for the same.

The seals of the package was publicly broken and and the cards of instruction, specimen ballots and penalty cards were posted according to law.

Clarence Sumner Rep and M Henry Proulx Dem. having been previously appointed ballot-clerks by the Selectmen were put in charge of the ballots and the duplicate check list.

M Henry Proulx was duly sworn by the presiding officer.

The ballot-box was publicly opened, examined by the election officers and voters present and found to be empty. The register was set at 0000 the box locked and the keys to the same put in charge of William A Getchell Constable. at the polls.

Voted to close the polls at 4 o'clock P.M.

The polls were opened at 7.30 o'clock A.M.

Daniel N Gibbs James A Young Rep and William E. Donovan. Frank M. Elliot, Dem having been appointed tellers by the Selectmen they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

During the voting the ballot-box was, by the unanimous judgment of the Selectmen and Town Clerk

opened five times for the purpose of taking out the ballots and counting the same as follows at 10, o clock A.M. when it registered 122 and 100 ballots taken out. Then at 11-5 A.M. when it registered 151, and 50 ballots taken out and at 2.10 P.M. when it registered 324 and 100 ballots taken out. also at 2.5 P.M. when it registered 350 and 50 ballots taken out and at the close of the polls at 4 o'clock P.M. when the register stood 369 and 47 ballots removed, making the total number of ballots cast 347.

The names of those on the list of voters, both at the polls and at the table of the ballot-clerks which had been checked, were audibly counted and found to be as follows

Voted at the polls Three hundred forty seven (347)
Voted at the ballot-clerks table Three hundred forty seven (347)

The excess of the number registered by the ballot-box over the number of names checked, and ballots taken from the box, was due to the box registering incorrectly, being 22 in excess.

The ballots having been sorted and counted, declaration thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows:

For Governor.

John Bascom of Williamstown	had Eleven	(11)
Thomas C Brophy of Boston	" Seven	(7)
William Everett of Quincy	" Twenty four	(24)
George Fred Williams of Dedham	" Fifty one	(51)
Roger Wolcott of Boston	" Two hundred forty five	(245)
Blank	nine	(9)

For Lieutenant Governor.

Edward A. Buckland of South Hadley	had Six	(6)
Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke	" Sixty three	(63)
James E Cotter of Hyde Park	" eighteen	(18)
W. Murry Crane of Dalton	" Two hundred thirty six	(236)
Willard C Wylie of Beverly	Eight	(8)
Blank	eighteen	(16)

For Secretary.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester had Zero (10)
Charles D. Nash of Whitman fifty-three (53)
William M. Olin of Boston two hundred forty-one (241)
Edwin Sawtell of Brockton nine
Bernard M Wolf of Boston eighteen
Blank eighteen

For Treasurer & Receiver General

George A. Brown of Lynn had eleven (11)
Robert L. Hubberley of Hyde Park nine (9)
Edward P Shaw of Newburyport, two hundred thirty three (233)
Horace P Tobey of Wareham twenty. (20)
Thomas A. Walsen of Braintree fifty two (52)
Blank twenty two (22)

For Attorney General

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst had eight (8)
William Harrison of Lawrence nine (9)
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford two hundred thirty eight (238)
William W. Clinchey of Chicopee eighteen (18)
John A. O'Keefe of Lynn fifty three (53)
Blank twenty one (21)

For Auditor

Joseph Ballam of Boston had eleven (11)
Harry Douglas of Great Barrington twenty (20)
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg two hundred thirty seven (237)
Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill fifty two (52)
Herbert M. Small of Templeton eight (8)
Blank nineteen (19)

For Councillor Seventh District

John Gregson of Worcester had seventy nine (79)
Allen De Joslin of Oxford two hundred forty (240)
Blank twenty-eight (28)

For Senator 5th Worcester Dist.

William H. Cook of Milford two hundred forty four (244)
George L. Stoddard of Ulen eighty (80)
Geo. F. Estabrook of Grafton one (1)
Blank twenty-two (22)

Representative 9th Worcester Dist-

Romeo E. Allen of Shrewsbury	had two hundred twenty	(220)
Aaron Elliot of Grafton	one hundred two	(102)
Arthur E Segraves of Uxbridge	fifty nine	(59)
Arthur K Taft of Uxbridge	one hundred eighty nine	(189)
Blank	one hundred twenty four	(124)

For County Commissioner

Emerson Stone of Spencer	had two hundred thirty seven	(237)
Leorin B Walker of Clinton	seventy nine	(79)
Blank	thirty one	(31)

For Register of Deeds Worcester Dist-

James F. Ryan of Worcester	had seventy eight	(78)
Harvey B Wilder of Worcester	two hundred forty three	(243)
Blank	twenty six	(26)

For County Treasurer

Edward A. Brown of Worcester	had two hundred forty three	(243)
Charles J Nurse of Worcester	seventy five	(75)
Blank	twenty nine	(29)

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open Town Meeting, and delivered to the Town Clerk, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as the law direct

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest-

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusett

Worcester S.S. Uxbridge Nov 12. 1897.

In compliance with Section 195 of Chapter 417 of the acts of 1893, we the Town Clerks of the Town of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, which Town comprise the ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the Town Hall in said Uxbridge, and canvassed the return of votes in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 2nd day of November, A.D. 1897, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Romeo E Allen of Shrewsbury had	149	220	247	146	181	943
Aaron Elliot of Grafton had	162	102	77	15	53	409
Arthur E Segrave of Uxbridge "	175	59	83	13	106	436
Arthur R Taft of Uxbridge "	148	189	244	101	224	906
Edward Kennedy	1					
Blank	95	124	143	73	106	541
	730	694	794	348	670	3236

Romeo E Allen of Shrewsbury and Arthur R Taft of Uxbridge having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law require

In Witness where of, We the Town Clerks of

Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge have hereunto set our names this 12 day of November, A.D. 1897.

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk of Grafton
Joseph A. Johnston Town Clerk of Northbridge
George E. Stone Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Edward Parker Town Clerk of Uxbridge

A true copy.
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Special Meeting Nov. 27, 1897.

Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the ~~of the~~ Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the Twenty-seventh day of November current at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following article to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will act anything with reference to an order made by the Inspector of Factories, Work-shops and Public Buildings

as to different sanitary provisions and means of ventilation of the "Brick Centre Grammar School" and make any appropriation for that purpose: as petitioned for by the School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of November current- in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Francis E Cuckins
Henry E. Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
S. L. Davenport
Clarence Sumner
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester S.S

Grafton November 18th 1897

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North-Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of november current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the return thereon
Attest-
Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 27, 1897.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall on Saturday the twenty seventh day of November 1897 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1 Chose Leyman M. Rice moderator

Art 2. Motion by Stanley H. Holmes, that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to nominate a committee of five to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting in two weeks.

Amended that there shall be one member of the Board of Selectmen and one member of the School Committee on the committee of five. and that said committee report in writing at the Annual Town Meeting in March next amendment carried. and the original motion as amended was carried

The Chair appointed as the Committee to nominate Silas E Stowe Clarence L Pratt. and Stanley H. Holmes.

Voted that we add two to the Committee of five making the committee seven.

Committee reported the following names.

Edward P. Usher. Stearns L. Davenport (Selectman) Ellsworth E. Moore. Charles H. Nelson. D Webster Norcross (School Committee) Leyman M. Rice and Thomas Wilmarth. Report of the Committee accepted & adopted

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk.

Grafton Mass Dec 6. 1897

This is to certify that in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth, I have this day destroyed all the ballots cast in said Town at the meeting held November 2. 1897 for State & County officers and Senator and Representatives to General Court: by fire.

Attest

Edwin A. Hovey

Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting March 7. 1898

Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Seventh day of March next at seven o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member

of the Committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year, and one member of Town House committee for one year, to fill vacancy,
And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name, The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock, A.M. and may be closed at one o'clock P.M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon,

Art 4 To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon,

Art 5. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6. To hear the report of any outstanding committee

Art 7. To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon

Art 8 To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon,

Art 9. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 10 To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen,

to meet the wants of the Town,

Art 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use,

Art 12. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon

Art 13. To see if the Town will appoint an agent to bring suit and defend any suit that may be brought against the Town. or act thereon,

Art 14. To see if the Town will vote to cause to be printed one thousand five hundred or more of the by-laws of the Town in some convenient form and to cause said copies to be distributed among the Citizens of the Town by the Town Clerk by mail and otherwise and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon as petitioned for by Geo K Nichols and thirteen others,

Art 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars for Riverside Cemetery or act thereon, as petitioned for by Trustees of Riverside Cemetery.

Art 16. To see if the Town will vote to give to the Public Library the use of the room formerly occupied as a director room by the First National Bank and to connect said room with the present Library Rooms at an expense not to exceed Fifty Dollars The change thus made necessary to be under the direction of the Town House Committee, and to raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon as petitioned for by the Trustees of Free Public Library.

Art 17 To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of Selectmen to three. To be elected for 1. 2 & 3 years & thereafter for the term of three years each. To take effect at the annual Town Meeting in 1899. or act thereon

as petitioned for by John E McClellan and nine others

Art 18. To see if the Town will accept a relocation and lay out of Town way leading from the County road on Big Ham Hill through land of William O Burns and Martin Kelley to the house of said Martin Kelley as relocated and laid out by the Selectmen and discontinue the present location as petitioned for by George B Inches and nine others or act thereon.

Art 19 To see if the Town will accept of the bound between the Town of Upton and Town of Grafton, as located by the Selectmen of said Towns, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

Francis E Kucking
Henry E Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
S L Davenport
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS. February 26th 1898

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville on Saturday the 26th day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed. James Carney Constable

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 7. 1898

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in election and Town affairs met in the Town Hall at seven o'clock a.m. March 7. 1898. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officer return thereon.

Perley Goddard and J. Frank Hall appointed by the Town Clerk to assist in the election of Moderator and were duly sworn.

Art 1. Taken up.

A ballot was taken for Moderator. the check list being used Leyman M. Rice had nine votes and he was declared elected and took the Chair.

Art 2nd Clarence N. Putnam Dem and J. Frank Hall Rep. were sworn as ballot Clerks and to them was given the package of Official ballots and the following receipt given by them

Received from Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk one package of Official Ballots, said to contain One thousand and fifty.

J. Frank Hall } Ballot
Clarence N. Putnam } Clerks.

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots having been posted according to law, the ballot-box was opened, examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and publicly shown to be empty, said box was then closed and locked and the Key given to the Constable in charge at the Polls; the register set at 0000.

Francis E. Huckins, Samuel B. Hale Jr. Alden M. Bigelow Frank E. Vinton and Harry E. Howe Republicans Henry E. Brook Perley Goddard, William E. Donovan, Frank M. Elliot Peter M. J. Proul Democrats were sworn as Tellers by the Moderator. Charles M. Batchelder Democrat was appointed and sworn by the Moderator to fill vacancy caused by William E. Donovan being away part of the time Francis E. Huckins & Henry E. Brook in charge of the check list at the Polls. Henry Mann in charge of the box

The polls were declared open at 7.30 o'clock a.m.
On motion, voted, that the polls be closed at 4 o'clock p.m. and immediately after the votes for Town Officers is declared and the ballots sealed up, this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 12th at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, and that no other business be taken up until that time.
During the voting the ballot box was opened by unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk. when the register stood at 137 and 100 ballots removed also when the Register stood at 321 and 50 ballots removed also when Register stood at 393 and 250 ballots taken out. also when the Register stood at 586 and 150 taken out. The polls were closed at 4 o'clock p.m. the register standing at 601. the ballots were removed there being 61 ballots in the box making a total of 611 ballots removed. the ballots were taken out by the Moderator they were counted in an audible voice As usual the ballot-box not registering correctly. being 10 less than the number of ballot cast.
The names checked both on the Original and Duplicate check lists were counted in an audible voice and there were 611 names checked upon each list.
The ballots having been counted, public declaration thereof was made in open meeting as follows

Edwin A. Howe declared elected and Sworn by the Moderator in open Meeting

For Town Clerk

Edwin A. Howe had four hundred fifty four		454
Blanks	one hundred fifty-seven	157
Whole number		611

For Selectmen

George B. Brooks had two hundred eighty five		285
Henry E. Brooks	three hundred forty nine	349
Clarence H. Elliot	four hundred twenty five	425
Edward A. Estabrook	two hundred seventy three	273
Henry Hall	one hundred seventy five	175
Ellsworth E. Howe	three hundred twenty-two	322
Francis E. Huckins	three hundred sixty	360

Thomas Wilmarth had three hundred forty five 345
Stearns L. Davenport " one 1
Blanks five hundred twenty 520
Whole number 865

For Treasurer.

Arthur A. Simmons had four hundred ninety five 495
Blank one hundred sixteen 116
Whole number 611
Arthur A Simmons declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk

Henry E Brooks, Clarence H Elliot, Ellsworth E Howe Francis E Huckins and Thomas Wilmarth were declared elected said Brooks and Huckins were sworn by the Moderator at the meeting and said Elliot, Howe and Wilmarth by the Town Clerk March 7. 98

For Assessor for 3 years

Joseph A. Dodge had four hundred eighty five 485
Blank one hundred twenty six 126
Whole number 611
Joseph A. Dodge declared elected, sworn

For Collector of Taxes

Edwin A. Howe had five hundred twenty 520
Blank ninety one 91
whole number 611
Edwin A. Howe declared elected and sworn the moderator

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

Erastus Adams had two hundred ninety 290
Amos G. Getchell " two hundred thirty nine 239
Blank Eighty two 82
whole number 611
Erastus declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk

For School Committee for 3 years

D. Webster Norcross had four hundred eighty one 461
Blank one hundred fifty 150
Whole number 611

D. Webster Norcross declared elected.

For Common Committee for 3 years

John E. McClellan had three hundred eighty-nine 389
Blank two hundred twenty two 222
whole number 611
John E McClellan declared elected.

For Town House Committee for 3 years

Solon F. Smith had four hundred five 405
Blank two hundred six 206
whole number 611
Solon F Smith declared elected

For Town House Committee for one year "Vacancy"

Clarence R. Pratt had two hundred forty three 243
Charles F. Rice " two hundred forty one 241
J. M. Bacon " one 1
Blank one hundred twenty six 126
whole number 611
Clarence R Pratt declared elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

Joseph A. Dodge had four hundred forty three 443
Harry G. Stone " one 1
Blank one hundred eighty seven 167
whole number 611
Joseph A. Dodge declared elected

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Eraelus Adams had four hundred nine 409
Aaron Elliot " one 1
Blanks two hundred one 201
whole number 611
Eraelus Adams declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

Lorenzo S. Davis had one hundred fifty four 154
Warren B. Maxwell " two hundred fifty four 254
Blank two hundred three 203

whole number 611

Warren B Maxwell declared elected.

For Auditor

Daniel N. Gibbs had three hundred four 304
Joseph Dudley Goddard " two hundred sixty one 261
Charles H Mile " three hundred sixty eight 368
James A. Young " two hundred ninety one 291
Blank six hundred nine 609

whole number 1833

Daniel N. Gibbs
Charles H Miles sworn by the Town Clerk
James A Young sworn March 1st by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace
declared elected

For Constable

James Carney had four hundred seventy nine 479
George A. Dearborn " three hundred forty three 343
Amos G Getchell " four hundred thirty eight 438
William A. Getchell four hundred five 405
James W. Gould " three hundred eighty two 382
Edward V. Hitchings three hundred eighty two 382
Addington A. Smith " three hundred ninety five 395
William P. Spencer " four hundred one 401
Blank fifteen hundred ninety four 1594

whole number 4888

James Carney, George A Dearborn Amos G Getchell William A. Getchell James W. Gould Edward V Hitchings, Addington A Smith and William P. Spencer were declared elected and said Carney Getchell and Dearborn were sworn by the Moderator and Smith, Spencer, A G. Getchell Hitchings by the Town Clerk and Gould by Ellsworth E Hare Justice of the Peace

For License

Yes	Three hundred twenty three	323
No	two hundred nine	209
Blanks	seventy nine	79
whole number		611

The ballots cast, and the check lists used were sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk as the law directs and the meeting adjourned until Saturday March 12. 1898 at half-past one o'clock p.m.,

A true record

Attest

Edwin A. Howe

Town Clerk.

Grafton March 12. 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment from March 7th the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 1.30 o'clock p.m.,

The meeting was called to order by Leyman M. Rice the Moderator,

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 2 taken up.

Chas David L. Fiske Perley Goddard and D. Webster Norcross Fence viewers and they were duly sworn by the Moderator.

Robert R Pierce and Stanley H. Holmes were elected Field drivers and Stanly H Holmes was sworn by the Moderator,

Voted, that all remaining Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art 3. Voted to accept the following report as printed (each report acted upon separately)

Town Clerk.— Selectmen— Town Treasurer.

All of the above mentioned printed reports are on file in the Town Clerks office, to which reference may be had

Rawson Fund, Collector of Taxes, Town House Committee Superintendent of Streets, Stat-Highway, Assessor, Overseers of the Poor, Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, Trustees of Fairview Cemetery, Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery, Lieut of Quartermaster of A&R Sprague Post 22 & A.R., Fire Department, Common Committee Inspector of Animals and Provisions, Trustees of Free Public Library, School Committee with the following amendment Pag 108 in colum "School Committee Salary" it should be 238,13 and in the column "Net cost of all Supervision" 800,63 and on Page 111 $438,13 should read $238,13 and $1000,63 should read $800,63,

Art 4 Voted, to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, (each item was acted upon separately), for Town Bonds 25.26.27 fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00)

Interest	three thousand dollars	3000,00
High School Teachers	twenty four hundred fifty dollars	2450,00
Common " "	eighty four hundred dollars	8400,00
Fuel & Janitors	fifteen hundred fifty	1550.00
Books and Supplies	twelve hundred dollars	1200,00
Repairs and fixtures	twelve hundred dollars	1200.00
Miscellaneous for School	three hundred dollars	300.00
Conveyance for Common School pupil	thirteen hundred dollars	1300.00
" High " "	eight-hundred dollars	800.00
Fire Department	fourteen hundred dollars	1400.00
Highways	four thousand dollars	4000,00

Sidewalks motion by John A Brown that we raise and appropriate one thousand dollars equally devided between the North, South and Centre of the town, and the motion declared carried. vote doubted a rising vote taken Ellsworth E Howe & Thomas Wilmarth appointed Tellers and Sworn and the motion was lost 71 in favor 41 opposed Motion of W E Fowler that we raise and appropriate Eight-hundred dollars Equally devided Amendment by Chas M Batchelder that it be six hundred and amendment by A A Simmons that it be nine

hundred dollars and the amendment for nine hundred dollars was carried, and the original motion as amended carried (900.00)

For Support of Poor fifty five hundred dollars (5500.00)
" Town Office except Clerk, Treasurer & School Committee
Eighteen hundred dollars. (1800.00)
" Town Clerk Salary one hundred dollars (100.00)
" Town Treasurer " one hundred dollars (100.00)
" School Committee " two hundred dollars (200.00)
" Supt of Schools " seven hundred eighty seven 50/100 dollars (787.50)
" Free Public Library Dog fund.
" " " delivery of book to the villages (115.00)
" Hydrant Rental twenty five hundred dollars (2500.00)
" St Lights twenty four hundred dollars (2400.00)
" Memorial Day one hundred dollars (100.00)
" Common one hundred dollars (100.00)
" Soldiers Relief three hundred dollars (300.00)
" Bonds of the Collector & Treasurer two hundred twenty five Dollars (225.00)
" Snow Bills five hundred dollars (500.00)
" Insurance four hundred dollars (400.00)
" Miscellaneous fifteen hundred dollars (1500.00)
" Military Aid (200.00)
" Prosecution of Liquor cases three hundred dollars (300.00)

Art 5. Voted. That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes: That all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town; That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in two days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art 6. [illegible]

The committee appointed to consider the "matter of sanitary and ventilation provisions at the Brick Centre Grammer School" beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that the School Committee be requested and,

so far as any authority from the Town is necessary to attend to the matter as they in their discretion see fit at a cost not to exceed $550.00

Edward P. Usher
D. Webster Norcross
S. L. Davenport
L. M. Rice
Ellsworth E. Howe

Voted to accept the report of the Committee motion made by Silas E. Shaw.

Art 4. On motion of Joseph A. Dodge Voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars ($550.00) for sanitary & sewerage purposes Boiler for Grammar School as recommended by the committee

Art 5 Voted that it be Ten dollars ($10.00)

Art 8. Voted to accept the list as presented by the Selectmen with the additions of the following names

List

Roland J. Aptell.	Jeremiah O'Keefe.	George W Peters	
George M. Newton.	Frederick S. Williams	James T. Fahey,	
Joseph Adams	John C. Chapin.		
Eraelus Adams	Donovan William E	Jourdan Harvey D.	
Aptell Cyprus R	~~Daniel Samuel C.~~	Keith John T.	
Banister Henry L.	Elliot Aaron	~~Keeley~~ Alfred J.	
Barber Albert	Fay George A.	Knight-Willard P.	
Barrett, David S.	Fisk David L.	Knowlton Samuel H.	
Batchelder Chas M.	~~Fletcher, William C.~~	Leeland Samuel E.	
Batchelor Sanford L.	Getchell Amos G.	Lincoln Dwight-E	
Brewer Thomas H.	Goddard Charles	Leynch, Thomas J	
Brooks Henry E.	Getchell William A.	Leingley Charles W.	
Broun John A. (Saunderville)	Gibbs Daniel M.	Manning Thomas J.	
Casey Maurice J.	Goddard Edwin P.	Mitchell John T.	
Chamberlin Edward T.	Goddard Perley	Macker, Dean W	
Chickering Jonas H.	~~Hale Samuel B. Jr~~	Miles Charles H.	
Chase Daniel S.	Hall, Henry	Nichols George K	
Cayne Patrick	Hall, E Clifford	Pratt Charles L.	
~~Davenport, Stearns L.~~	Howe, Edwin A.	Putnam, Clarence N.	
	Huckins Francis E	Rice Leyman M.	
	Huckins George H	Rogers Stephen S.	

Rice Ashley W.	Smith-Addington A.	Sweeter John A.
Severance, Charles A.	Smith-Walter E	Thurber, Edward C.
Sinclair & Herbert	Smith, Solan H.	Whitney, John A
Sherry William	Sumner Clarence	Ward, James B.

Art 9.

Voted that it be within the centre district

Art 10.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art 11

Voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxe which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use

Art 12

Voted to pass over the article

Art 13.

Voted that it be the Chairman of the board of Selectmen

Art 14.

Voted, that the Selectmen are instructed to cause to be printed one thousand five hundred or more of the By-laws of the Town in some convenient form and that the Town Clerk shall distribute said copies among the citizens of the Town by mail and otherwise so that each and every family and voter in the Town shall have a copy and that a copy shall be framed and placed in each Post Office in Town. and that a sum not exceeding $30.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose named in the article

Art 15.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Riverside Cemetery.

Art 16
Voted. That the Trustees of the Free Public Library be given the use of the room asked for and that we raise and appropriate the sum of fifty Dollars ($50.) to be expended under the direction of the Town House Committee

Art 17
Motion of Thomas Wilmarth that the article be indefinatly postponed. motion lost.
Motion of John E. McClellan that the Town of Grafton hereby adopt and accept in regard to the election of Selectmen. the provisions of Section 267 of Chapter 417 of the Acts of the year 1893. That the number of Selectmen of the town be diminished from five (5) to three (3) and that the number be and hereby is fixed at three — Said change to take effect at the expiration of the present terms of office of the present members of the Board of Selectmen.
That the town shall at the next annual meeting, to wit: the annual meeting in 1899. (instead of Electing five (5) Selectmen as heretofore for one year) Elect one Selectman for the term of one year. One Selectman for the term of two years and one Selectman for the term of three years. and thereafter at each annual meeting it shall elect one Selectman for the term of three years. Amendment by Thomas Wilmarth that the number be five (5) in place of three.
After some discussion a motion was made and voted to adjourn until Saturday March 19th at 1.30 o clock P. M.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 29. 1898

Pursuant to adjournment from March 12. the legal voters of the town of Grafton met in the Town Hall and transacted the following business. to wit:

Meeting was called to order at 1.30 o'clock P.M. by Leyman M. Rice the Moderator

Voted that the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Art 17. Voted that further action under this article be indefinatly postponed.

Art 18. Voted that the road petitioned for be accepted as laid out by the Selectmen and that upon its completion to their satisfaction, and delivery of deed the present road be discontinued as prayed for.

Art 19. Voted to accept of the bound as located

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Selectmen Appointments

At the meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Groton held March 12th James Harding of Fitchdville (Sworn March 15th by E E Howe Justice of the Peace) and James Reely of Jamaicaville Sworn Mar 15. 1898 by Thos Wilmarth were appointed Special Police.

Sealer of weights and measures Samuel E Leeland and sworn Mar 16th by the Town Clerk.

Register of Voters for three (3) years William E Donovan.

Inspector of Animals and Provision Agt of Board of Health and Sworn March 15th by the Town Clerk.

Supt of Streets Frank E Vinton. Sworn Mar 15th by Town Clerk

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

At meeting Mar 21st 1898

Francis E Huckins appointed as Agent for State Aid

At the meeting Apr 2. 1898

Special Police Wm H. Kingsley of Jamaicaville and Sworn Apr 9th by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

Measurers of Wood and Weighers

Louis Demars

F. A. Dodge Sworn Apr 14/98 by Town Clerk

Jas A Young " " 8/98 by Thos Wilmarth J. P.

Thos Wilmarth " " 19/98 by Town Clerk

J. E McClellan

Henry Mann

A L Fisher Sworn Apr 21/98 by E E Howe J.P.

Napoleon Tebo " " " " E E Howe J. P.

A S Kempton

John Barney

E D. Holbrook Sworn Apr 13/98 by Lewellyn K Leeland J. P.

Con Sullivan " " 13/98 " Lewellyn K Leeland J P

B D. Adams " " 13/98 " Lewellyn K Leeland J. P.

Le K Leeland

Lock Up & Pound Keeper

James Carney notified in writing and sworn

by the Town Clerk — April 9th 1898
Agent for burial of indegent Soldiers
Edwin A Howe.

Fire Engineers
H. E. Brooks. F. E Vinton. Henry Mann
Thos Wilmarth, D. S. Bassett. G. H. Hickins.

Forest Fire Wards.
Seth Stockwell, John A. Brown
A. G. Getchell James Platt. Perley Goddard
L. M. Rice. S. H. Knowlton. David L. Fiske.
S. E. Slowe. J. A. Sweetser. J. E. McClellan
C. R Aplett. W. H. Mills. and the Fire Engineers.

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

At the meeting April 18, 1898

Special Police
James T. Shirley. sworn April 20/98 by Thos Wilmarth J P.
John F. Miller sworn Apr 21/98 by Thos Wilmarth J P.

Grafton April 20th 1898

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning all the ballots cast at the Annual Town Meeting held march 7th for town officers as requird by law.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Decree

Authorizing the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company to extend the location of its Tracks in the Town of Grafton, as follows.:

In Board of Selectmen, April 5th 1898.

Whereas, The Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company has presented its petition to this Board asking that it may authorize it to extend the location of its tracks in the town of Grafton, and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the same, and operate the same by electricity or other motive power than steam, which petition is as follows

To the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton.

Respectfully represents the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, a corporation duly established by law, that its charter as such has been accepted, and its tracks have been located and constructed in the City of Worcester,

It prays that it may be granted a location of its tracks in said town of Grafton, as follows. and erect and maintain poles and wires for the same, and operate the same by electricity or other motive power than steam:

A single track with convenient sidings and turnouts, beginning at the town line of Millbury on the main road from Worcester to Grafton, known as Grafton Street or Worcester Street, thence easterly and southeasterly through said road or street to Grafton Center, and also connecting therewith and beginning at the intersection of said road with Shrewsbury Street or Main Street, so called, in New England Village, and thence northerly through said Shrewsbury Street to a point at or near the location of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company at North Grafton Station, so called,

and thence through the street or way running westerly from said Shrewsbury Street near and south of said Railroad location, with necessary connections and turnouts to enable it to run its cars to and upon the track petitioned for.

Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company.
Chas B Pratt, President

Worcester, Mass. March. 14, 1898.

Grafton, Mass. April 5th 1898

Due notice having been given to all parties interested and a hearing having been given on said petition in accordance with the said notice.

Now therefore, it is ordered that the said corporation be, and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and use the location of its tracks in said town of Grafton, as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in Grafton Square in the Centre of the town of Grafton nearly opposite the Kirby House, thence northerly and following a line on the westerly side of Worcester Street, or the County Road, to its junction with Shrewsbury Street- thence continuing northerly on the westerly side of Shrewsbury Street to a point near the Depot in North Grafton where the said street intersects with the street known as Oak Street, thence westerly on the southerly side of said Oak Street to the extreme westerly end of said Oak Street, and the same is hereby located on the said several Streets and subject to the following conditions.

First. The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton reserve the right to designate where nine inch girder rail, with tram head, weighing not less than eighty-five pounds to the yard, shall be used, but such rail shall not be used to a greater extent than for a total distance of five hundred feet, single track measurement and at such points in such street where

the tracks shall be placed on the side thereof, a "T" rail weighing not less than fifty five pounds to the yard shall be used.

Second The said Company shall lay and maintain block paving between the rails and eighteen inches outside thereof, wherever the nine inch girder rail is used. And on Worcester Street between Leraflon Square and the foot of the hill, where the track is located on the side of the street, a cobble gutter four feet in width adjoining the rail next to the travelled way, shall be laid and maintained by the Company, if it is deemed necessary by the Town authorities for the Company to do so. In case the said Company shall fail to keep said pavements in proper repair, the same may be repaired by the said Town authorities, and the expense of said repairs shall be paid by the Company

Third All necessary grading and removal of material, resetting and repair of fences, the extension of culverts and all other changes in such streets occasioned by the location of said tracks, shall be done at the expense of said Company.

Fourth. The authority given the Company by this decree shall not in any way restrict or abridge any other public or private right in the street; and whenever it shall become necessary to remove any of the track, wires or poles of said Company for any public work, construction or purpose, the expense of such removal and restoration and any necessary expense with the relocation or alterations of the tracks, shall be borne by the said Company

Fifth The removal of snow from said location shall be done to the acceptance of the said Town authorities, and wherever surface water may collect or be obstructed by occasion of the constructions of said Company, means for its

disposal shall be provided as said town authorities may direct, at the expense of said Company

Sixth. The manner of laying the tracks, the location grade and alignment of the same the position of all turnouts spur tracks, pattern of frog and switch connections shall be to the satisfaction of the said town authorities

Seventh. All polls used in said construction shall be of such size, shape and material as the said town authorities may order, and shall be placed at such points along the line of said location as the said town authorities may direct, and where such poles are located within the village they shall be painted not less than two coats of paint of such color as the Selectmen shall designate, and shall be set in such depth in the ground as to make their support firm and substantial, and the cross wires or brackets as the case may require for the support of the trolley wire, shall be attached to said poles at such height as to maintain said trolley wire at every point not less than eighteen feet above the surface of the street.

Eighth. All poles, brackets, wires and fixtures shall be maintained by said Company at all times in good order and condition, to the satisfaction of the said town authorities, and suitable guard wires of a size satisfactory to said town authorities shall be erected and maintained. The work connected with erecting said wires shall meet the acceptance of town authorities, and be as directed by them.

Ninth. At all points where the stringing of feed, trolley and guard wires may in any way interfere with the appliances used in the maintance and operation of electric street lights, telegraph or telephone wires or poles, such changes as shall be required in their location or height shall be made as directed by the said town authorities, and all expense of such changes shall be paid by the said Company

Tenth The said Company shall keep the street in safe and convenient condition for travel while laying its railway, and shall save the town harmless from all loss or damage resulting from failure to do so Wherever crosswalks exist they shall be put into good condition by said company, such material being used as the said town authorities may approve

Eleventh The Town of Grafton shall not be responsible to said Company for any damages that may be occasioned by the bursting of water or sewer pipes, building or repairing the same, nor the fall of any pole or wires erected or permitted to be erected ~~to be erected~~ along the line of said location, nor for any damages occasioned by any other use of the streets which it makes or permits to be made.

Twelfth The cutting and trimming of shade trees for the location of the wires of the said Company shall be subject to the approval of the said town authorities, first to be obtained.

Thirteenth. The said Company shall be responsible to the said Town of Grafton for any loss or damage sustained by the said town to any person or persons injured by reason of any defect in the streets caused by the negligence of the said Railway Company.

Fourteenth Wherever driveways occur the space between the rails, and for twelve inches outside thereof shall be planked to a level with the top of the rail, and the approaches to said planking shall be made safe and convenient for public travel, and wherever roads or streets enter the road or street in which track are laid, so that the travel is across said tracks, the Company shall pave with block having the space between the rails and eighteen inches outside each rail, for the whole length of track over which the travel passes, said paving to be to the acceptance of the said town authorities

Fifteenth Where the location of the Company's track crosses the river near the Wheeler Bridge the Company shall build a suitable and substantial temporary pile bridge for its own use and at its own expense, and operate its cars thereon, until such time as the proper authorities build a bridge to take the place of said Wheeler Bridge. Then the Company may, at its ~~own~~ expense, place its track upon said new bridge in such manner as may be designated by the said town authorities, upon payment to the said town authorities of the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700.00), and where the Company's track are located across the streams on Shrewsbury Street in North Grafton. The Company shall build suitable abutments & supports & girder or girders to carry their track thereon, providing, however, that the Company may use so much of the present bridge as may be deemed expedient by the said town authorities.

Sixteenth The rate of fare to be charged by said Company shall not exceed five cents for any distance between Grafton Centre, so called, and the westerly end of Oak Street at North Grafton, and shall not exceed ten cents for any distance between Grafton Centre and the division line between the town of Millbury and the City of Worcester, and shall not exceed fifteen cents between Grafton Centre and the City Hall in the City of Worcester, and travellers over it shall receive all privileges of transfer in use on other of said Company's lines in said Worcester.
The rate of fare between the Wheeler Bridge and the division line between the town of Millbury and the City of Worcester shall not exceed five cents, and between the Wheeler Bridge and the City Hall in the City of Worcester shall not exceed ten cents.

Seventeenth And it is further provided that during the several terms, on days when children have to attend the High School, the said Company shall

sell such scholars upon presentation of proper credentials showing that such scholar is in attendance at the High School. School Tickets which will be sold at the rate of thirty-three tickets for $1.00, said tickets to be good only in going to or coming from the said High School

Eighteenth. The construction of said tracks shall be completed and ready for operation within eight months from the date of this decree.

Nineteenth. The tracks of this location shall not be used, or the road operated in any manner, until all work shall have been completed in connection therewith, and the conditions as herein set forth have been complied with to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Selectmen, which acceptance shall have first been obtained thereof

F. E Hinckley
H. E Brooks
C. H. Elliot
T. Wilmarth
E. E Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton Mass April 5th 1898.

April 26th 1898.

The above decree is hereby accepted.

Worcester Consolidated St-Ry Co
By Chas B Pratt
President

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Received May 2, 1898 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting June 18th 1898.

Warrant.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton,
in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the eighteenth day of June 1898. at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars to provide for alterations, Additions Sanataries. Heating and Ventilation for the North Grafton School Building and act thereon,

Art 3rd. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to consider the matter of enlarged or new accomodation for the High School at the Centre and for the Common Schools at Farnumsville and at Saundersville, and act thereon,

as petitioned for by the School Committee,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post-Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighth day of June 1898. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight

Francis E Hucking
Henry E Brooks
C H Elliot
E E Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, S.S. June 10. 1898
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Thursday the ninth day of June current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the return thereon
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 18th 1898
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall on Saturday June 18th at 2 o'clock P.M. and proceeded as follows
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the Warrant and Officers return thereon

Art 1st The meeting made choice of Seyman M Rice for Moderator.

Art 2nd Remarks were made by F. M. McGarry Chairman of the School Committee, who presented the following motion in writing, ~~"Voted"~~ "that the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the purpose of providing for alterations, additions, Sanitaries Heating and Ventilations for the North Grafton School Building"
After remarks by A. A. Simmons Town Parnin and S. H. Knowlton, Mr McGarry withdrew the motion

by general consent of the meeting.
Mr Ivan Panin then offered the following motion
"moved that a committee be appointed by the chair consisting of two members of the School Committee and three others to consider the two articles of the warrant and to report thereon at the Town meeting adjourned to Saturday June 25th 2. P.M.
The Chair suggested that the Committee be nominated by the meeting. Mr A A Simmons made amendment that the Chair appoint a Committee of five to retire and select the Committee and they report to this meeting. The amendment was accepted by Mr Panin and the motion was carried.
The Moderator appointed as the committee to nominate, F. M. McGarry. D. W. Norcross Stanley H. Holmes Francis E Huckins and E E Howe.
On motion of A A Simmons it was voted to reconsider so much of the last motion as relates to the time of Report that is June 25th 2. P.M. and
Voted that it should be June 27th at 8 o'clock P. M.
*On motion of A A Simmons it was "Voted that the moderator appoint a committee of five who shall nominate a committee of such number as they shall see fit and not less than five, said committee to report upon so much of the matters contained in both articles of this warrant as shall appertain to the North Grafton. School House on Mon. June 27th 8 P.M. and to report upon the balance of said matters at such time as the meeting of June 27th shall determine."
The nominating committee made the following report. for the Committee
F. M. McGarry. D. W. Norcross A. A. Simmons S. E. Howe. Oliver Wing, A L Fisher and E. E. Howe.
Voted to accept the report ~~the report~~
Voted to adjourn until Monday June 27th at 8 o'clock P.M.

committee appointed after this motion

Attest Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

See page 242.

Alfred E Lowell appointed as a Special Police Officer at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held June 22, 189
Sworn by Leuther K Leeland Justice of the Peace
June 27, 1898

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton June 27th 1898

Pursuant to adjournment from June 18. 1898 the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P.M.

Seyman M. Rice Moderator in the chair

Records of the last meeting (June 18th) read and approved. The following report of the Committee appointed June 18th was read by A. A. Simmons as follows

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton,

The committee elected at the Town meeting held on the 18th. day of June, 1898, to examin into and report upon School Accommodations for the Town of Grafton, respectfully submit the ensuing report:

So far as practicable, in the brief time which has elapsed since the date of the said Town meeting, this committee has carefully considered the matters submitted to it by a general review of the existing conditions and more particularly as to the needs of the North Grafton school-house.

It appears probable that an expenditure of considerable amount will be necessary upon said schoolhouse and said probable expenditure will constitute a portion of a larger amount which it would seem may have to be expended upon school buildings located in the several villages of the Town within the near future to meet the requirements of existing Massachusetts Statutes.

Before proceeding to consider seriously the expenditure of any considerable sum of the public funds it is desirable to observe one of the fundamental principals of sound business experience, operating alike upon Towns and individuals and to inquire into the ways and means for providing the necessary funds. Upon this point the committee believes it unwise and inexpedient to raise said funds by short time notes the payment of which would have to be

provided out of present current yearly taxation.
To do this would increase the tax rate beyond a reasonable point and would impose upon the present tax payer burdens he ought not to be asked to bear and which should be distributed over many future years, so that the generations for whose benefit these expenditures are contemplated should themselves help to pay therefor.

But one way to raise funds for immediate use appears available under existing Massachusetts Statutes and that is for the town to issue what is known as School House Bonds payable in twenty (20) years with an annual retirement of an amount sufficient to cancel the issue at the expiration of said term.

This plan appears to the committee to be inexpedient for two (2) reasons:

First: Because of the fact that a portion of the principal of said bonds would have to be retired or provided for by sinking fund each year for the next twenty (20) years, causing an increase to the tax rate for each of said years additional to the amount necessary for the payment of interest; and the committee believe that for some years to come it is unwise to increase the annual reduction of the principal of the bonded debt of the town beyond the point now prevailing to wit: fifteen hundred ($1500) dollars, and

Second: Because said bonds could not probably be placed upon the market at a figure so advantageous to the town as would be the case with bonds maturing after a longer term of years, which would make the interest rate thereon higher than it need to be. From the foregoing, it follows that, to the mind of the committee, some other plan of providing the necessary funds should be adopted and the committee believes such a way will be best provided by asking the General

Court for authority to issue long term bonds, the principal of no portion thereof to mature for some years to come, said authority being obtainable only by a special act of the General Court, as was the case with the issue of the present series of bonds funding the general town debt. The General Court is not now in session, and said authority can be sought only by delay to the next session of said court.

Further: It is felt that a contemplated expenditure of any considerable sum should have more careful and deliberate consideration, and the amount thereof be more definitely determined than could be the case should immediate action thereon be sought.

Further: It appears to the committee that the Warrant for the Town Meeting held upon June 18, 1898, at which meeting this committee was elected, does not provide for the granting of sufficient authority to enable the committee to so investigate and report upon the matter of school accommodations in the several villiages of the town as will give to this inquiry the value it should possess.

For the reasons herein enumerated, and after consultation with the school committee and Superintendent of Schools, your committee, with the concurrence of said School Committee and Superintendent, respectfully submit the ensuing recommendations:

First: That to relieve the existing and anticipated crowded condition of the north Grafton school house the School Committee procure temporary accommodations for a portion of the pupils in some building or buildings outside of said school house for the coming school year, continuing the use of the school house as at present until such time as may be necessary to enable the

the town to consider intelligently the matters awaiting its consideration, and to afford the necessary time to seek, at the next session of the General Court, such relief by way of special legislative enactment as shall provide for a bond issue upon a favorable and economical basis,

Second: That the town authorize an investigation of all the school houses of the town by committee to be raised for the purpose, or otherwise, to determine what is needed to make the capacity of said school houses adequate to the demands upon them, and what is required to make their sanitary, ventilating and heating arrangements conform to the requirements of existing Massachusetts statutes

D. W. Norcross
A. L. Fisher
S. E. Slowe
C. M. Wing
A. A. Simmons
F. M. McGarry
E. E. Howe
} Committee

Grafton, Mass., June 25, 1898.

The recommendations contained in the foregoing report are approved and endorsed by us,

D. W. Norcross
W. B. Maxwell
F. M. McGarry
} School Committee

Stanley H. Holmes.
Superintendent of Schools

Grafton, Mass., June 25, 1898

On motion of Edward P. Usher it was voted to accept the report of the Committee and the report be placed on file.

The following motion was made by Stanley

H. Holmes. "Moved: That the School Committee be requested, and authorized and instructed to secure and provide such temporary accommodations as they in their judgment deem proper and suitable for and during the next school year, for such pupils in North Grafton as may be in excess of the number that can be accommodated properly in the present school-house provided for that section of the town."
The motion was carried.

Art 3rd taken up.

Voted to pass over the article

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest-
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting July 7. 1898
Warrant.

Worcester ss.
To either of the constables of the town of Grafton,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the seventh day of July, 1898 at 8 o'clock P.M. to act on the following article to wit:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will vote to have a Committee of seven members appointed to consider and investigate the condition of all the various buildings used as school houses in this town as regards adequacy of accomodations, sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances, and to recommend what ought to be done to render all such buildings

adequate not only for the present but also for the near future, and also to bring them in all respects within the laws of the state as regards sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances, said committee shall report in detail the probable expense of all work advised by them as proper to be done; and shall have power to expend a sum not exceeding Three hundred & Fifty Dollars ($350,) in furthering the purpose for which they are appointed, said sum to be raised and appropriated and to be assessed in the taxes for the next year,

as petitioned for by D. W. Norcross and fifteen others. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E. Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
Ellsworth E Howe
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. June 29th 1898

I have served this foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Tuesday the 28th day of June current being seven days before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Cahey Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the return thereon

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton July 7. 1898.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town of Grafton met in the Town Hall on Thursday July 7. 1898 at 8 o clock P.M.
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return thereon.

Art 1st

Made choice of Seyman M. Rice as Moderator,

Art 2nd Joseph A Dodge moved. "That a committee of seven (7) members be appointed to consider and investigate the condition of all the various buildings used as school houses in this town, as regards adequacy of accommodations, sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances and to recommend what ought to be done to render all such buildings adequate not only for the present but also for the near future and also to bring them in all respects within the laws of this state as regards sanitary heating and ventilating appliances.
Said Committee shall report in detail the probable expense of all work advised by it as proper to be done, and shall have power ~~power~~ to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty ($350.) dollars, in furthering the purpose for which it is appointed, and said sum is hereby raised and appropriated, to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1899——
Amendment offered by Edward P. Usher, as follows "and said sum is hereby raised and appropriated to be borrowed by the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen as may be needed and to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1899." The amendment was accepted by Joseph A Dodge and the motion as amended was carried.——
On Motion of George K Nichols it voted that A A Simmons F. M. McGarry D. W. Norcross Albert L. Fisher E. E. Howe, Silas E. Stowe, and O M. Wing be the Committee

Voted that when we adjourn it be until Saturday Nov 12. 1892 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest

Edwin A. Howe.

Town Clerk.

(See Page 317)

Grafton, Upton and Milford Street Railway.

Grafton, Mass July 14. 1898.

Whereas the Grafton, Upton and Milford Street-Railway Company have petitioned the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a location under the Statutes of the said Commonwealth for the tracks of said Company through certain streets in the said Town as specified in said petition.

Now after due notice and hearing said Selectmen of the Town of Grafton hereby grant said Railway Company the right to locate and lay a single track of their said Railway with the necessary turnouts, switches, poles wires and other necessary appurtenances to said tracks through over upon the following locations in the said Town, to be operated by electricity or other motive power other than steam, in the following named streets, viz:

Beginning at the boundary line between the Town of Grafton and the Town of Upton on the new Upton Road so-called and running thence through, over and upon said Upton Road to the tracks of the Grafton and Upton Railroad Company near its Grafton Center Station, thence over and across said tracks along said Upton Road to the Square at said Grafton Center, thence through and around said Square to and through Church Street so-called, to and through the road crossing said Church street at the foot of the hill, along said road by the Corner known as Jourdans Corner, and by the house of Perley Goddard to the Villiage of Farnumsville, to a point in the street near what is known as the Brick Church in said Villiage of Farnumsville, and the same is hereby located on the several streets and subject to the following conditions:-

First:- The exact points at which said poles shall be placed and the side of the road at which said tracks shall be laid shall be determined hereafter by the said Selectmen of said Grafton,

Second:- The Selectmen of the town of Grafton reserve the right to designate where nine inch girder rail, with I beam head weighing not less than eighty-five pounds to the yard, shall be used, and at such points in such streets where the tracks shall be placed on the side thereof, a T rail weighing not less than fifty-five pounds to the yard shall be used.

Third:- The said Company shall lay and maintain block paving between the rails and eighteen inches outside thereof, wherever the nine inch girder rail is used. In case said Company shall fail to keep said pavements in proper repair, the same may be repaired by the said Selectmen, and the expense of said repairs shall be paid by said Company

Fourth:- All necessary grading and removal of material, resetting and repair of fences, the extention of culverts, and all other changes in such streets occasioned by the location of said tracks shall be done at the expense of said Company.

Fifth:- The authority given the Company by this decree shall not in any way restrict or abridge any other public or private rights in the streets, and whenever it shall become necessary to remove any of the tracks, wires of poles of said Company for any public work, construction or purpose, the expense of such removal and restoration and any expense necessary with the relocation or alteration of the tracks shall be born by the said Company.

Sixth:- The removal of snow from said location shall be done to the acceptance of the said Selectmen, and wherever surface water may collect or be obstructed by occasion of the construction of said Company

means for the disposal shall be provided as said Selectmen may direct, at the expense of said Company.

Seventh:- The manner of laying the track the location, grad alignment of the same, the position of all turnouts, spur tracks, pattern of the frog and switch connections shall be to the satisfaction of the said Selectmen,

Eighth:- All poles used in said construction shall be of such size, shape and material as the said Selectmen may order,, and shall be placed at such points along the line of said location as the Selectmen may direct, and where such poles are located within the villages they shall be painted not less than two coats of paint of such color as the Selectmen shall designate, and shall be set in such depth in the ground as to make their support firm and substantial, and the cross wires or brackets as the case may require for the support of the trolley wire, shall be attached to said poles at such height as to maintain said trolley wire at every point not less than eighteen feet above the surface of the street.

Ninth:- All poles, brackets, wires and fixtures shall be maintained by said Company at all times in good order and condition, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, and suitable guard wires of a size satisfactory to the Selectmen shall be erected and maintained. The work connected with erecting said wires shall meet the acceptance of said Selectmen and be directed by them.

Tenth:- At all points where the stringing of feed, trolley and guard wires may be in interference with the appliances used in maintenance and operation of electric street light telegraph or telephone wires or poles, such changes as shall be required in their location or height shall be made as directed by said Selectmen, and all expense of such changes shall be paid by the said Company.

Eleventh:- The said Company shall keep the street in safe and convenient condition for travel while laying its railway, and shall save the Town harmless from all loss or damage resulting from failure to do so. Wherever the cross walks exist they shall be put into good condition by said Company such material being used as the said Selectmen may approve

Twelfth:- The Town of Grafton shall not be responsible to said Company, for any damage that may be occasioned by the bursting of water or sewer pipes building or repairing the same, nor the fall of any poles or wires erected or permitted to be erected along the line of said location, nor for any damages occasioned by any other use of the streets which it makes or permits to be made,

Thirteenth:- The cutting and trimming of shade trees for the location of the wires of said Company shall be subject to the approval of the said Selectmen, first to be obtained.

Fourteenth:- The said Company shall be responsible to the said Town of Grafton for any loss or damage sustained by the said to any person or persons injured by reason of any defects in the streets caused by the negligence of the said Railway Company.

Fifteenth:- Wherever driveways occur the space between the rails and for twelve inches outside thereof shall be planked to a level with the top of the rail, and the approaches to said planking shall be made safe and convenient for public travel, and wherever roads or xxxxxxxx streets enter the road or street in which tracks are laid, so that the travel is across said tracks, the Company shall pave with block paving the space between the rails and eighteen inches outside each rail, for the whole length of track over which travel passes, said paving to be to the acceptance of said Selectmen.

Sixteenth:- No portion of the tracks of this location shall be used or operated in any manner, until the entire line from the beginning to the end, as located shall have been completed, and the conditions as herein set forth shall have been fully complied with to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Selectmen which acceptance shall have first been obtained therefor

Seventeenth:- And it is further provided that said Company shall make a deposite of One Thousand Dollars in Cash, upon the acceptance of this decree, in the Grafton Nat'l Bank to the credit of the said Town of Grafton, said sum to remain there until such time as the conditions of this decree shall have been fully complied with, and if said Company fail to fulfill said conditions, within the specified time, then said sum shall be forfeited by said Railway Company and shall be paid to the Treas'r of said Town of Grafton,

Nineteenth:- This franchise shall not be transferable

Twentieth:- The said Company shall at all times provide sufficient and suitable cars and run the same at such times as will reasonably and comfortably accomodate the citizens of the town and the traveling public,

Twenty first:- All places which the building of the said Railway shall in the judgment of the Selectmen have made dangerous so as to require railing, it shall be railed or fenced by the Railway Company at its own expense, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Twenty second:- It is further provided that during the several school terms on days when children may find it convenient to use the cars of said Company as a means of transportation, that tickets shall be sold to said school children at the rate of thirty three tickets for one dollar, upon the presentation of the

proper credentials showing such schollar is in attendance at any of the public schools of said town, such tickets being good only going to and coming from a schol session.

Twenty third:- The construction of said tracks shall be completed and ready for operation within Eighteen months from the date of this decree.

Twenty fourth:- The said Railway Company shall accept this order or location together with all and singular conditions and agreements by filing with the Town Clerk of said town of Grafton, such acceptance in writing, within (30) thirty days from the date of this decree.

Signed July 14th 1898

F. E Hoeckins
H. E. Brooks
C. H. Elliot
Thos Wilmarth
Ellsworth E. Hoore
} Selectmen of the town of Grafton Mass

Grafton Mass July 30. 1898

The Grafton, Upton and Milford Street Railway Company hereby accepts the locations for its tracks, rails, poles, turnouts and switches granted to it by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Dated July 14th 1898.

The Grafton, Upton and Milford Railway Company

By Louis B. Wheildon
Albert A. Jenkins
William D. Leahy.
Heber D. Bowker
Alfred J. Kirby.
B. A. Jourdan.
Stephen B Fiske
} All its Directors

A true copy Attest-
Edwin A. Hoore Town Clerk

Received at 6 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m. July 30. 1898

Attest- Edwin A Hoore Town Clerk

See Page 317

Assistant Town Clerk

Grafton Sept. 16th 1898

Harry E Howe appointed Assistant Town Clerk by Edwin A Howe Town Clerk in accordance with Sec 4 Chapter 423 Acts of 1893

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk.

Harry E Howe duly sworn as Assistant Town Clerk the sixteenth day of Sept 1898 by me.

Attest Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov 8, 1898

Edwin A Howe

Grafton Mass

At a meeting of the Selectmen held last evening Mr James Merriman was appointed "Special Police" during the time of the construction of the Consolidated St Railway in the town. He is the night-watchman over the lanterns etc.

E. E. Howe. Clerk.

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester S.S. Nov 8. 1898

Then personally appeared James Merriman and made oath that having been appointed special Police for the Town of Grafton he would faithfully perform the duties of that office

Before me

Leuther K Leeland

Justice of the Peace

A copy Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Warrant,

State Election Nov. 8, 1898.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and for Two Representatives to the next General Court, for the ninth Worcester Representative District, and for a District Attorney for the Middle District, a Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff, County Commissioner, and Two Special Commissioners for Worcester County, and a Representative in Congress for the 3d Massachusetts District.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 1 p.m. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post-Office, in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands, this Twenty Eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight-hundred and ninety-eight.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Ellsworth E Hoare
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. Grafton October 29th 1898

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 29th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon

Attest
Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk

Grafton November 8. 1898

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Election and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday Nov. 8. 1898 at 7 o'clock A.M.
The meeting was called to order by Francis E Huckins Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
The warrant was read by Edwin A Hoare Town Clerk
The cards of instruction and Specimen ballots having

been posted according to law. the first Set of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth were delivered to Francis E Huckins the presiding Officer and his receipt therefor given to the Town Clerk

Clarence Sumner Rep & Clarence N. Putnam Dem having been previously appointed ballot clerks by the Selectmen they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Ballot-box was opened and publicly shown to be empty with the Register set at 0000, the box was then locked and the Keys taken in charge by the presiding Officer

Henry Mann Sworn as Teller and placed in charge of ballot-box

William A. Getchell Constable in attendance at the polls

James Carney Constable at the table of the ballot-clerks

Polls declared open at 7.38 o'clock A. M.

Voted to close the polls at 4 o'clock P. M.

During the voting, the ballot-box was, by the unanimous consent of the selectmen and Town Clerk opened at 8.30 o'clock at which time the Register stood at 73 and one hundred and forty five ballots taken out for the purpose of counting also when the box Registered 241. and 149 ballots removed when the Register was at 360 - 125 more ballots taken out, and with the Register at 444 . 93 ballots removed. Due notice having been given, the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock p. m. at the close of the polls the Register stood at 473.

The remaining ballots were taken from the ballot-box being 27, making five hundred and thirty nine. ballots cast. at each time that ballots were taken from the ballot-box they were counted in an audibly.

The names of the voters both at the polls and at the table of the ballot clerks which had been checked, were audibly counted and found to be as follows,

Cast at the Polls. Five hundred thirty nine

Cast at the ballot-clerks Five hundred thirty nine

Public announcement that the ballot-box Register failed to work correctly,

(William E Donovan & Frank W Elliott Sworn were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk)

The Tellers having sorted and counted the votes given in, declaration thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows:

For Governor

Alexander B Bruce of Lawrence had	Ninety-six	(96)
George R. Race of Lynn had	Nineteen	(19)
Winfield I. Porter of Newburyport had	Three	(3)
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston had	Twelve	(12)
Roger Wolcott of Boston had	Three hundred ninety-one.	(391)
P. A. Collins of Boston had	One	(1)
Blank	Seventeen	(17)

Whole number of ballots Five hundred thirty nine.

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Michael J. Berry of Haverhill, had	eighteen	(18)
W. Murry Crane of Dalton had	Three hundred seventy three	(373)
John L. Kilbon of Lee, had	Fifteen	(15)
Isaac N. Skinner of Brockton, had	seven	(7)
Edward J. Slattery of Framingham had	Ninety nine	(99)
Blank	Twenty seven	(27)

Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Secretary.

Charles H. Bradley, of Haverhill, had	none	
Henry A. Inman of Newton, had	fourteen,	(14)
Henry Lloyd of Boston had	Ninety four	(94)
William M. Olin of Boston had	Three hundred seventy three	(373)
James F Stevens of Boston had	Twenty two	(22)
Blank	thirty six	(36)

Whole number of ballots Five hundred thirty nine

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Martha Moore Avery of Boston had	nineteen	(19)
Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley had	ninety four	(94)
Edward P. Shaw. of Newburyport had	three hundred seventy one	(371)
Herbert-Morley Small of Templeton had	fourteen	(14)
Charles W. White of Winchester had	two.	(2)
Blank	thirty nine	

Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Auditor

Charles S. Grieves of Ameebury had four (4)
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had three hundred sixty (360)
John Palme, of New Bedford had nineteen (19)
Charles F. Parker of Boston had ninety three (93)
Walter E. Sanford of Attleborough had thirteen (13)
Blank fifty
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Attorney General

Patrick Kilroy of Springfield had one hundred one (101)
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had three hundred seventy four (374)
Clarence E Spelman of Westfield had eighteen (18)
Blank forty six
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Councillor 7th Councillor District

George Burnham of Auburn had ninety nine (99)
Martin V.B Jefferson of Worcester had three hundred sixty six (366)
Blank seventy four
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Senator 5th Worcester District

John E McClellan of Grafton had three hundred ninety two (392)
Thomas H. Reilly of Westborough had one hundred six (106)
Blank forty one
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Representative in General Court - 9th Worcester Dist

Charles H Harriman of Northbridge had one hundred twenty two (122)
Thomas McCooey of Blackstone had ninety five (95)
Arthur A. Simmons of Grafton had three hundred eighty five (385)
Francis E. Taft of Northbridge had three hundred twenty one (321)
Blank one hundred fifty five
Whole number of ballots Ten hundred seventy eight.

For County Commissioner

John J. Bowler of Southbridge had one hundred nine (109)
George W. Cook of Barre had three hundred seventy two (372)
Blank fifty eight.
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For District Attorney Middle District

Charles Haggerty of Webster had one hundred three (103)
Rockwood Hoar of Worcester had three hundred eighty 380
Blank fifty six
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Special Commissioner

Frederick M. Ashby of North Brookfield had one hundred two (102)
S. Augustus Moore of Gardner had three hundred forty (340)
Howard M. Leane of Leominster had three hundred thirty-nine (339)
John J. Power of Worcester had ninety-two (92)
Blank two hundred five
Whole number of ballots Ten hundred seventy eight

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Francis P. Prady of Uxbridge had one hundred twelve (112)
George H. Harlow of Worcester had three hundred seventy three (373)
Blank fifty four
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Sheriff

Robert H. Chamberlin of Worcester had three hundred seventy eight (378)
Mathew B. Leamt of Worcester had one hundred nine (109)
Blank fifty-two
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine

For Representative in Congress 3rd Mass Dist-

John R. Thayer of Worcester had one hundred seventy three (173)
Joseph H. Walker of Worcester had three hundred thirty (330)
Blank thirty six
Whole number of ballots five hundred thirty nine
The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk. and sealed in open Town meeting
The ballots cast, and the check lists used by the election officers were also sealed up in seperate packages, endorsed by the proper officers, and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided
Voted to dissolve this warrant at 6.30 o'clock P.M.

Attest Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Town Clerks meeting at Northbridge
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, S.S. Northbridge November 18, 1898

In compliance with section 254, of Chapter 548 of the acts of 1898, we the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone, Grafton Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the ninth Worcester Representative, District, this day met at ~~the~~ Chapel Hall in said Northbridge and canvassed the return of votes in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next; Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 8th day November, A. D. 1898, and was shown by the following tabular Statement.

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Charles H. Harriman of Northbridge had	479	122	416	28	274	Thirteen hundred 1319 nineteen
Thomas McCooey of Blackstone had	559	95	277	22	206	Eleven hundred fifty-nine
Arthur A Simmons of Grafton had	214	385	318	158	218	Twelve hundred ninety-three
Francis E. Taft of Northbridge had	207	321	283	143	208	Eleven hundred sixty-two
Blank.	180	155	134	65	109	Six hundred forty-three
	1639	1078	1428	416	1020	5-5-76

Charles H. Harriman of Northbridge, and Arthur A. Simmons of Grafton having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificate issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In witness whereof, We the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 18th day of November A. D. 1898

Attest-

over

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Hoare " " " Grafton
Joseph A. Johnston " " " Northbridge
George E. Stone " " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " " Uxbridge

A true copy Attest
Edwin A. Hoare
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting Nov 19. 1898.
Warrant.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester — Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the nineteenth day of November 1898 at 1-30 o'clock, P. M. to act on the following article, to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting —

Art 2nd To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100.) for "Fairview Cemetery" or act thereon, —

Art 3rd To see if the town will vote to instruct its Treasurer to borrow the sum of One hundred Dollars ($100.) under the direction of the Selectmen, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post-Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time

and place of meeting as aforesaid,
Given under our hands this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight

Francis E Huckins
Thomas Wilmarth
Henry E Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
Ellsworth E Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. November 11. 1898

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the eleventh day of November current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Nov 19. 1898

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the town of Grafton met in the Town Hall Saturday Nov 19th at 1-30 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business, to wit:—

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.—

Art 1st Made choice of Leyman M. Rice for Moderator.—

Art 2nd Voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for "Fairview Cemetery."—

Art 3rd Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to borrow one hundred Dollars under the direction of the Selectmen said amount to be paid from the Taxes of 1899.—

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 19, 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment from July 7. 1898
The legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at two o'clock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz:
The meeting was called to order by Seyman M Rice Moderator. and the records of the last meeting (July 7.) was read by the Town Clerk, and approved,
The Committee chosen at the meeting July 7th - made the following report -

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton,
The committee elected in the town meeting held on July 7. 1898. pursuant to the ensuing vote passed at said meeting to wit -
"That a committee of seven (7) members be appointed to consider and investigate the condition of all the various building used as school houses in this town. as regards adequacy of accommodation, sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances. and to recommend what ought to be done to render all such building adequate. not only for the present but also for the near future and also to bring them in all respects within the laws of this state as regards sanitary. heating and ventilating appliances. "Said Committee shall report in detail the probable expense of all work advised by it as proper to be done, and shall have power to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.) in furthering the purpose for which it is appointed and said sum is hereby raised and appropriated to be borrowed by the treasurer under the direction of the selectmen as may be needed and to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1899."

respectfully presents the following report:-
The committee organized by the election of Arthur A. Simmons. chairman Francis M. McGarry. secretary and treasurer,
Numerous meeting have been held. at which the matter

forming the subject of the committee's inquiry have been carefully investigated and discussed. At an early date it was determined to secure the services of Stephen C Earle, Esq. of Earle & Fisher, architects, in the preparation of plans and advice upon suggested improvements, both because of his eminent ability and of the respect accorded his judgement and opinions by our townspeople in connection with the recent remodeling of the town house.
Stanley H Holmes, Esq. superintendent of schools, has been invited to present his views upon the matters under consideration and has been constantly consulted in the preparation of plans herewith submitted.
The committee has visited a number of school buildings in Worcester, and elsewhere to inform itself as to present approved methods of heating and ventilating and sanitary arrangements. The committee has personally inspected and examined all the school premises embraced in this report, and has also had same examined by competent persons familiar with the heating and ventilating of public buildings. School premises requiring it have also been personally inspected by Mr Earle as consulting expert and architect. After patient and thorough investigation and careful sifting of existing condition and proposed improvements therein, the members of the committee are unanimous in the ensuing conclusions and recommendations.
At North Grafton. The existing condition are.
First. Insufficient accommodation for pupils. The school house is a six-room frame structure, now accommodating the pupils of grades Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Fifty-two pupils in grade 1 are now located in the engine house and the vestry of the Methodist church. These pupils, together with the nineteen pupils in the Waterville school building should be accommodated in the North Grafton building, and the Superintendent of schools informs this committee that seating capacity for one hundred pupils should be added thereto. Second. Stairway below standard of state requirements for safety of pupils.
Third. Ineffective heating and ventilating appliances

Fourth. Inadequate and inconvenient sanitary accommodation
It is recommended that the S.-part of this school-house be moved back and to one side of its present position, and that a new S. part of about the same dimension as the present S. and two stories in hight be added thereto; that the stairways be removed and relocated, and that modern sanitaries to be supplied by water from the Grafton Water Co. system, be placed in the basement, all as shown in plans herein submitted and marked "A"; the said sanitaries to empty into cesspools to be located at that part of the school-yard now occupied by the present sanitaries, the latter to be removed and the ground occupied by same to increase the area of the school-yard.
The building to be supplied with hot air furnaces and stack heaters of a standard required by law
The cost of said changes, additions and improvements is estimated as follows:
Building, including excavating, brick work, soil pipe cess-pools, moving S.-part and everything outside of heating and ventilating apparatus and sanitary fixtures. $6150,00 Heating and Ventilating $1400,00
Sanitary Fixtures (Water flush system) $350,00
Total $7900,00
The school at Waterville to be discontinued and the pupils removed to the North Grafton building
The building at Waterville to be retained for possible use in the future.
At the south part of the Town two school buildings are now in use — one located at Saundersville and one at Farnumsville. The committee is informed by the Superintendent of schools, that the accommodation afforded by these two buildings are so restricted that some of the rooms have to accommodate pupils of more than two grades (two grades to room being the maximum for efficient); the lower grades having so many pupils that the upper grades are crowded into such

rooms as are available for them, to the detriment of the pupils education and of the teacher's work, with a prospect in the near future of their being no available room for these grades in the present buildings. To remedy this condition it is recommended that the pupils of the four higher grades be removed from both these buildings and be located in a new two-room building of a capacity adequate for future growth, say to accommodate 100 pupils, and to be built at Fisherville; the lower grades to be retained at Saundersville and at Farnumville where the accommodation would then be ample,
Several reasons are suggested for this action.
First:— The need of room for the proper instruction of the upper grades by themselves, as already stated
Second.— That it is safer and better every way for the pupils filling these grades, because of their maturer age, to travel from Saundersville and Farnumville to a central point at Fisherville, than for the younger pupils in the lower grades to do so,
Third.— That it is less expensive to provide and maintain accommodations for the pupils in the upper grades (said pupils coming from Saundersville, Farnumville, and Fisherville), in one building central to them all and with one corps of teachers, than to afford accommodation by additions to each of the buildings at Saundersville and Farnumville respectively and to maintain teachers in both localities,
The committee therefore recommend, that a new two-room building be erected at Fisherville, substantially as shown in plans herewith marked B, It is understood by the committee that land for said building will be given to the town, very generously by the Fisher Manufacturing Co., and it is estimated that the building would cost as follows,
Land given $000.. Building $3350,00 Heating and Ventilating $500,00 Sanitary Fixtures and cess-pool (Water-flush system) $400,00 Total $4250.00

The school-house at Saundersville has a good cellar, and is a substantial two-story frame structure designed for two school-rooms. The room on the first floor has been divided, by a temporary partition, into two rooms. The building should have increased window capacity and the temporary partition should be removed, making one room only on the first floor, as originally designed. The cellar is an excellent one for furnace location. The committee recommends that the changes herein indicated be made in the building, and the building heated and ventilated by hot air furnaces located in the cellar. The cost of the foregoing is estimated as follows. Changes in building $250,00 Heating and Ventilating $600,00 Total $850,00

The school house at Farnumsville is a frame building of one story containing four rooms, and is built in the form of a Greek cross, with a cellar under the central portion only. The heating and ventilating arrangements are wholly inadequate and the shape of the structure presents some difficulties in applying a remedy. The building could be heated by steam, but the cost of a steam plant and its operation would be excessive. One heating and ventilating firm recommends room-heaters in each room; another recommends furnaces located in the central cellar. If the latter plan should be found practicable the committee recommends its adoption, and if impracticable the plan of room-heaters would have to be adopted. The estimated cost by either method is $650,00

The frame High School Building, common to the use of all villages and the several districts of the town and situate for convenience of access from all parts of the town on Worcester street in Grafton Center, is pronounced by the school committee and the superintendent of schools wholly inadequate both in capacity and appointments for its intended use, and upon examination

this committee believes the foregoing opinion to be correct. The building seems to poor to warrant any considerable expenditure upon it, and the lot on which it is located is to small for well considered enlargement of the structure. It is recommended that a new high school building be erected upon some suitable lot to be selected by a building committee; that the building be of brick and contain such accommodations as shall render it adequate for high school purposes for the accommodation of all the villages and districts of the town for many years to come; the exterior of the building to be plain as is possible, consistent with the character it should possess of dignity and ornament to the town. Mr Supt Holmes and this committee have been in frequent consultation with Mr Earle in the preparation of plans for the proposed building. Several plans have been drawn and abandoned as to expensive. The plans herewith submitted and marked E are the fruit of patient labor on the part of architect, superintendent and committee to cover the needs only of such a structure and to leave out anything superfluous or in the nature of a luxury. It is believed that plans E combine all necessary appointments with as low a cost as it is reasonable to expect for a high school building.

The committee recommends that plans E be adopted, and estimates the cost as follows:

Building of brick, all items of cost included except heating and ventilating and sanitary fixtures, $15,200.

Heating and ventilating with hot air furnaces and the possible addition of a small steam boiler for corridor and use only, said boiler of a pattern and capacity absolutely safe and not requiring the services of a licensed engineer to run $1200,00 Sanitary Fixture (water-flush system) $350,00 Total 16,750.

The cost of a lot for this building is not added because the recommendations of the committee include

the sale of the old high school lot and building, and it is believed that the sum realized from said sale will provide a suitable lot for the new high school without additional cost estimate.

In Grafton Centre there is the 4-room brick grammar school building, situate on North Street, and used by pupils in said village and from the Farms District, Merriam District, Keith Hill, Brigham Hill, and Centreville. In addition the town hire of Hon Geo K Nichols, in the building west of the Nichols block, a room used for very small children and as the "Primary, or Baby School."

The conditions prevailing at the brick grammar school on North street are:

1st Location. The building is situate upon the rear portion of the lot, adjoining a swampy tract of land, and is surrounded by extremly unsanitary and unsightly conditions — one building in particular situate within 20 feet of the school-house, is in a ruinous condition, with an exposed cellar partially filled with stagnant water and debris of a nature incident to such a repository.

2nd Building. A substantial two-story brick structure, containing four school-rooms in fairly good condition, and having a cellar about five feet in height, improved within a few years at an expense of seven hundred dollars.

3d. No proper heating and ventilating appliance.

4th Outside sanitaries, built upon hired land, for the use of which the town pays a yearly rental.

5th Stairway not adequate under existing statute law.

In view of the substantial character of this building the sum recently expended upon it and the play-ground with its fine maple trees, the committee has bestowed upon this property a careful and searching analysis with the hope of formulating a plan for its improvement in a manner satisfactory alike to the State

officials and to the citizens of the town.
A thorough examination of the building, and of the possibilities for its improvement, by the architect and the committee, has resulted in the ensuing estimates of necessary cost. Estimate No 1;
a. A new projection of two stories upon the front, to contain stairway and teacher's room.
b. The removal of present stairs and a new flight in the then open corridor. c. New floors.
d. A small addition of one story upon the rear of the building, for sanitaries.
Estimated cost of the foregoing items, $2,250,00
Heating and ventilating, by means of furnaces located in the two lower school-rooms $750,00
The ideal plan for heating this building would be to raise it, and increase the hight of the cellar from about 5 feet its present height to 8 or 9 feet. This plan was considered, but was abandoned because of the excessive cost of raising a brick building.
Sanitaries, with plumbing, cess-pool &c for water-flush system. $450 making a total of $3,450
The foregoing changes and additions would cover necessary improvements in the present structure but without adding any additional seating capacity for future need.
Estimate No 2;
To provide additional seating capacity for the grammar grade pupils, and while so doing to further provide for accommodating in this building the primary pupils now located in Mr Nichols' building and the office of the superintendent of schools, it would be necessary to build an addition of two stories in hight to the present building. In this case, the projected additions to the front and rear of the present structure already described would be omitted, and the stairways, teacher's room, and office of superintendent would be located in the new addition. The

latter being built large enough to contain the foregoing together with two new school rooms of a capacity for fifty pupils each with necessary corridors.
The cellar under said addition would accommodate the sanitaries and the heating apparatus for the entire building in place of the use of heaters located in the school rooms. The cost of the last described proposition is estimated as follows: Building of brick $6,750 Heating and Ventilating $1,000 Sanitaries (water-flush system) $300, making a total of $8,050
Which could be reduced $300, if the addition should be built of wood instead of brick,
At this point the committee became of the opinion that to expend either of these large sums upon the building and leave the surroundings thereof in their present unhealthy and unsightly condition would be ill advised and, indeed a waste of money, and that as a condition precedent to said expenditure it was necessary to first improve the said surroundings, and if the same could not be improved in such manner as to then make the location of the building healthy and attractive, it would be unwise to expend any sum upon the property.
Upon careful investigation in this direction, it seemed essential that the tract of land adjoining the school premises on the northerly side thereof and upon which is situate the two rows of buildings headed on the North St line by the bakery and by the old currying shop respectively, and running easterly to a line which would include the house occupied by Mr Rufus Rhodes, and southerly to include a portion of the swamp land directly in the rear of the school house, should be acquired by the town; the buildings thereon, except the engine house to be removed; the cellars filled, and the land including the swampy tract thoroughly drained and put into a dry and healthful condition. The estimate of cost was as follows: Land $2,000, Drainage and

grading $1,000 . Total $3,000
These figures would increase the cost of improving this property to the sum of $6,450, under estimate No 1. without provision for increase of seating capacity, or to the sum of $11,050 under estimate No 2. providing for said increase and for the primary school and superintendent's office,
Attention was then directed to the disposition to be made of the old High School Building should the same not be sold, and to providing accommodation for the primary children now located in the room rented of Hon Geo R. Nichols, by some other plan than the one already described. Should the North Street property be improved without building an addition for increase of seating capacity, at an estimated cost of $6,450 as set forth in estimate No 1. It would then appear necessary to make the ensuing disposition of the old high school building.
1st The lower flow thereof to be used by the primary school in place of the room now rented of Mr Nichols
2nd The upper floor to be used as a store-room for school supplies and for the office of the superintendent of schools. Thus enabling the town to rent the present office of the superintendent in the town building. The estimated cost of the changes in this building, made necessary by the foregoing plan and including heating and ventilating would be $350, The committee was then confronted by the ensuing proposition how best to project
1. Improvements to the North Street property at a cost of $6450, under estimate No 1. or of $11050, under estimate No 2. & Improvements to old High School building estimated to cost $350, Four plans hereinafter designated as plans Nos 1. 2. 3. 4 suggested themselves Plan No 1. the first considered, received prolonged and critical investigation, because of an earnest wish by the committee to improve the North Street property, and to render the cost thereof an equitable equivalent for the advantage gained. The distinctive feature of plan No 1. was to build

the proposed new High School upon the North Street lot after enlarging said lot by the purchase of land, as earlier herein set forth, and thus make the cost of said land purchase applicable to both Grammer and High Schools, Plans Nos 1. 2. 3. and 4 were as follows: Plan No 1, a. To improve Grammar School building on North Street under estimate No. 1,
b. To use old High School for the young primary children Superintendents office, and storage, c To use a portion of the North Street school lot as a site for a new High School a. Brick Grammar School. Building, including heating and ventilating and sanitaries, without additional seating capacity $3,450 Board $2,000, Drainage and grading $1000, Total $6,450. b. Old High School Building, including heating and ventilating $350, Total $6800, c The use of a portion of the North Street lot as a site for a new High School would save the cost of another lot for said building. This plan provides for two buildings to heat and maintain, Under this plan the tramp house should be removed from the old High School lot to some other locality, Plan No 2. a. To improve Grammer School building on North Street; under estimate No. 1.
b. To use old High School for the young primary children Superintendents office, and storage
a. Brick Grammar School. Building, including heating and ventilating and sanitaries, without additional seating capacity $3450, Board $2000, Drainage and grading $1000, Total $6450. b Old High School, Building, including heating and ventilating $350, Total $6800,
This plan provide for two buildings to heat and maintain Under this plan the tramp house should be removed from the old High School lot to some other locality.
This plan differs from plan No 1, in the fact that it does not contemplate the use of any part North Street school lot as a site for a new High School.
Plan No 3, a To enlarge the Grammar school

building on North Street, under estimate No 2. by a new addition for grammar and primary pupils and Superintendents office; the latter in place of the room now used for said purpose in the town building, which could then be rented. b. To sell old High School lot and building. a. Brick Grammar School Building of brick, including heating and ventilating and sanitaries $8,050. Land $2000. Drainage and grading $1000, Total $11,050 This amount subject to reduction of $500, if new addition should be of wood instead of brick. b. To sell old High School lot and building. the avails thereof to purchase lot for new High School.
This plan provides for one building, to heat and maintain The ensuing plans, marked "J," show the additions and changes in the North Street building, as contemplated in in plan No 3,

Plan No 4 a. To remove grammar and primary schools to a new frame building situate on a lot to be selected by a building committee, and to discontinue the use of the present school building on North Street, said new building to be provided with a room for the superintendent of schools. the latter's office in the town building to be relinquished and be available for rental, b. To sell old high school lot and building, a. New Grammar and primary school Land $550, Frame building $10,000, Heating and Ventilating $1000, Sanitaries. (Water-flush system) $300, Grading $200, Total $12,050
b. To sell old high school lot and building the avails thereof to purchase lot for new high school. While the school on North street would be removed under this plan no estimate is made of the avails of this property if sold. the committee being unable to determine the amount thereof. This plan plan provides for one building to heat and maintain. The ensuing plans marked K show the proposed new grammar and primary building of plan No 4,

Recapitulation;
Plan No 1. Costs $6,800, and saves the amount otherwise to be paid for a new building lot for the high school, but provides no increase of seating capacity.
Plan No 2. Costs $4,800, and provides no increase of seating capacity.
Plan No 3, Costs $11,050, and provides increased seating capacity
Plan No 4, Costs $12,050, and provides increased seating capacity,
These four plans have been fully canvassed, analyzed and compared with each other by the committee and after mature deliberation, it seems best in its judgement to adopt Plan No. 4, at an estimated cost of $12,050 The reasons for this opinion are as follows.
First. One Building only to be heated and ventilated, repaired, insured, and cared for by janitor, - instead of two buildings as in plans nos 1 and 2,
Second That by plans Nos 1, or 2, the present seating capacity of the North street grammar building is not increased, and, therefore, future growth is not provided for and could not be provided for except by addition to the building considerably increasing the cost estimate of said plans
Third That a new building to be used by the grammar and primary children would be a marked improvement upon locating the primary children in the old high school, maintaining so large a building for their accommodation as in plans Nos. 1 or 2,
Fourth - That in the advent of the electric railroad from Worcester it is expected that new residents will be attracted to Grafton; that one of the most important factors in drawing new residents from a city to a country district is to have attractive and adequate school buildings that are up to date in their appointments; and should the population of the town

increas as is expected will be the case, the consequent increase in the number of pupils will make the problem of their adequate accommodation in an attractive and up-to-date school house imperative. In the judgment of the committee this problem is best solved by the building of the new grammar and primary school contemplated in Plan No 4.

Fifth:- That the contemplated expenditure of $6,800 with a saving as to cost of an additional lot for the new high school under plan No, 1, or an expenditure of $11,050 under plan No 3, would be subject to the criticism that after the expenditure of said sums there would still remain unsightly surroundings to the North street location, applying alike to a new high school building if there situate as contemplated in plan No. 1, and to the improved and enlarged grammar and primary building of plan No 3.

Sixth:- It is evident that of plans Nos, 1. 2. 3. and 4 if alike in expenditure, plan No 4 would be selected as the best plan, and therefore, in the expenditure of so large a sum as is involved in these recommendation and suggestions it is believed that the lesser cost estimates of plans Nos, 1, 2. and 3, should not out weigh the manifest advantages of plan No. 4,

Seventh,- It is evident that of plans Nos, 1. 2. 3. and 4 plans Nos, 3 and 4 alone provide for future requirements of the grammar school, and that the difference of $1.000 cost estimated between these two plans should not operate to to outweigh the advantages of a new building over an old one repaired and enlarged by a new addition thereto The four plans, Nos 1. 2. 3. and 4 respectively, considered by the committee are herein elaborated to afford the citizens of the town the same information possessed by the committee, and to enable them to judge for themselves of the correctness of the selection of plan No, 4, as being on the whole the best suited to present and future needs

The estimated cost of all the changes and improvements herein recommended is capitulated as follows.:
North Grafton $7,900,00 Fisherville $4,250,00
Saundersville $850,00 Farnumsville $650,00 New High School Building (on lot selected by a building committee) common to the uses of all the villages and districts of the town $16,750,00 New Grammar and Primary School Building. (on lot to be selected by a building committee) for pupils from Grafton Centre Keith Hill Brigham Hill, Centreville, Farms District, and Merriam District 12,050,00 Architect and superintendence $1,500,a Furniture for High School and Fisherville building $1,200 Total $45,150,00
It is further recommended that every school-yard or play-ground be provided with proper division fences separating the sexes, and the committee is of the opinion that the same can be built without increasing the foregoing estimate
In view of the foregoing recommendations and estimates, attention is called.
1st To the fact with the single possible exception of the small steam plant for heating the corridors and flues of the new High School building, hot air furnaces and room heaters only are recommended, the committee finding steam to be to expensive both in the cost of the plant and services of attendance, this opinion being confirmed by the experience of the city of Worcester, where the new school buildings are heated by furnaces only, and by the judgment of Mr Peck, Supt of Public Buildings in said city. The ventilating recommended herein is the gravity system, now in common use in most modern school buildings,
2nd That the figure herein, although estimates by practical builders and by responsible firms in the heating and ventilating business, and who guarantee the results of their respective systems to meet the statute

requirements as to heating and ventilating. The said estimates are not bids for contract; and that it may reasonably be expected that said contract bids will be some what lower than the estimate. In the judgment of the committee, however, it would be unwise and unsafe for the town to enter upon these expenditures at any less provision therefor than the sums named herein. It is recommended that, in the appointment of a building committee or committees, provision should be made for authority to contract for all the work and material herein recommended with one or more firms or individuals, should it appear to said committee or committees that lower prices and more uniform construction could be better obtained by so doing.

It is clear to the minds of all, that it would be unjust and unreasonable for the present tax payer to have the sum herein recommended to be expended, or any portion of the principal thereof added to the present tax rate,— and entirely just and reasonable that the generation for whose benefit these improvements are projected should itself help to pay therefor. It is therefore recommended, that to provide the necessary funds for the purposes herein, the town authorize an application to the General Court, sitting in January next, for authority to issue bonds to the maximum amount of $45.000, said bonds to be payable in the proportion of $2.000 per annum on and after 1940, with interest at 4 per cent, or such less rate as may be found practicable.

In the pursuance of this plan, the present generation would be called upon to pay only the yearly interest upon the amount expended— which would seem to be sufficiently small in view of the advantages secured.

It is further recommended that, should the General Court grant the desired authority for said bond issue, the town proceed to appoint the proper building committee or committees to effectuate the carrying out

of these recommendations during the ensuing spring and summer.

In conclusion, the committee begs leave to say that the recommendations and suggestions herein made seem, in its unanimous opinion, of the utmost importance, and the most careful consideration thereof on the part of all the citizens of the town is earnestly solicited.

To insure this individual consideration, the committee presents this report in print, with accompanying plans, for general distribution.

For information as to the use made of the sum of $350, placed at the disposal of the committee, the report of Francis M. McGarry, Treasurer, is appended hereto.

Acknowledgement is made of the courteous and valuable assistance afforded the committee by the School Committee and by the Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

Arthur A. Simmons
Francis M. McGarry
D. Webster Norcross
Albert L. Fisher
Ellsworth E. Howe
Silas E. Stowe
Oliver M. Wing
} Committee

Grafton Nov 19, 1895.

Francis M. McGarry, Treasurer
In account with
The Committee to Investigate School Buildings, Etc

Dr. To Town Order No	1150	$100.00
" " "	1194	250.00
		350.00

Cr. By amounts disbursed as follows:-

Earle & Fisher, Architects $250,00
G. L. Davis, printing report 38,00
Traveling expenses of Committee, carriage hire,
telephone messages, postage, &c $1,62
Balance unexpended and paid to Town Treasurer 10 38
$350,00

Respectfully submitted
Francis M. McGarry
Grafton, Nov 9, 1898. Treasurer

A true copy of the report of the committee and its Treasurer
Attest
Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk.

Voted that the report be accepted and placed on file. Voted to dissolve the meeting
Attest Edwin A Hoare Town Clerk

Voted that a copy of the report be published in the Voice & Town Papers by mail or otherwise by the Town Clerk

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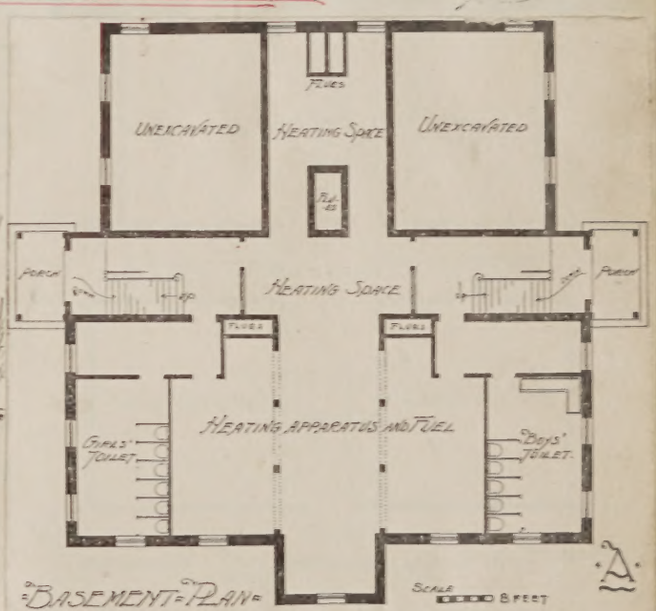

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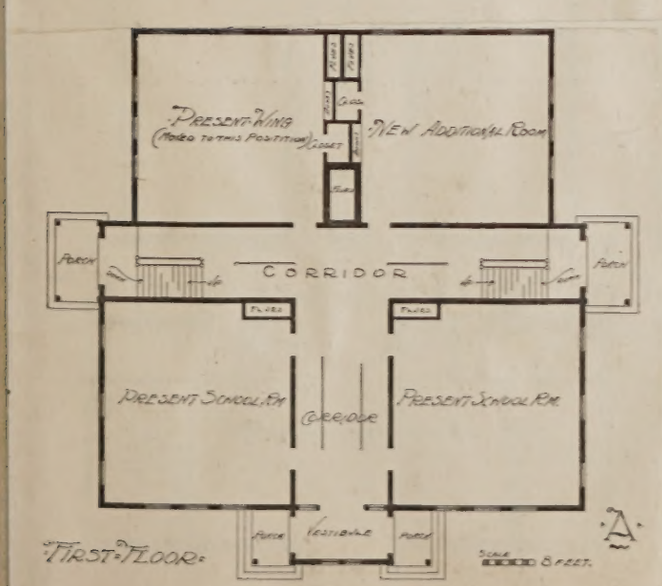

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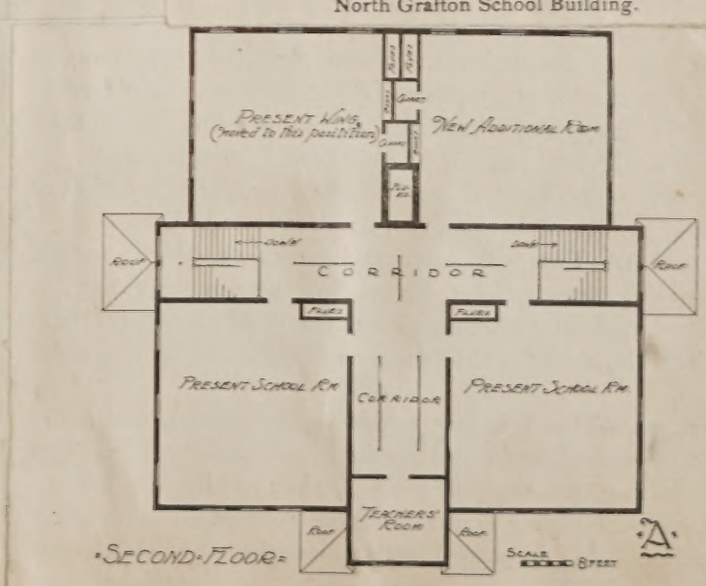

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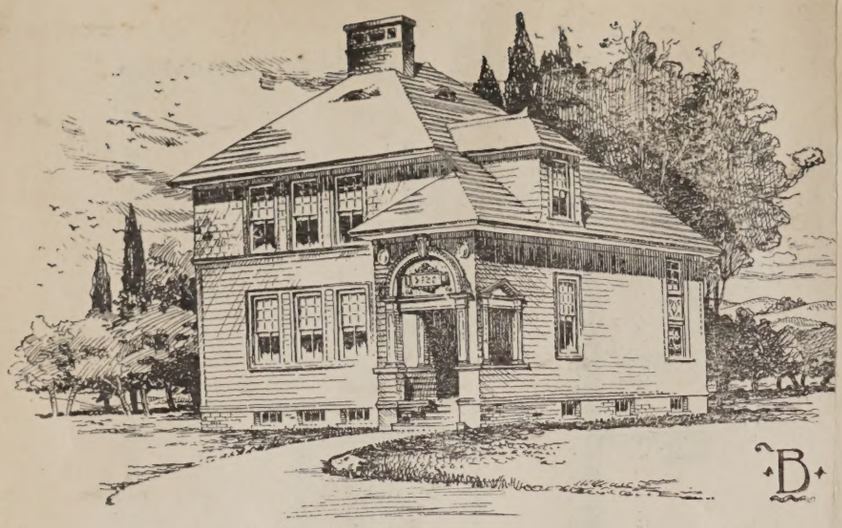

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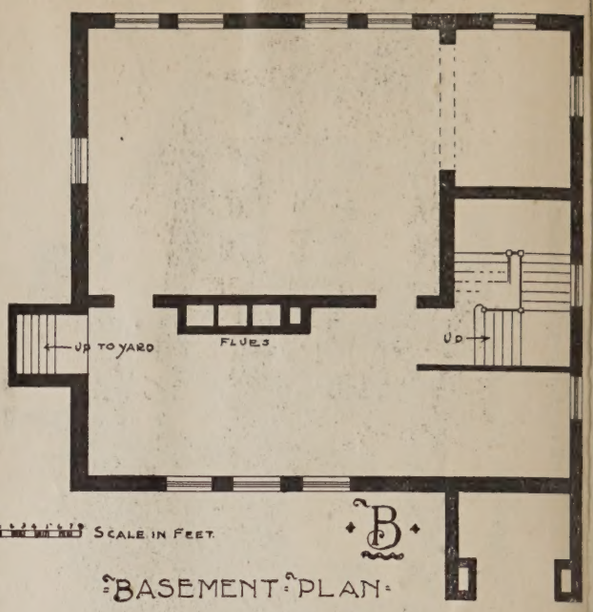

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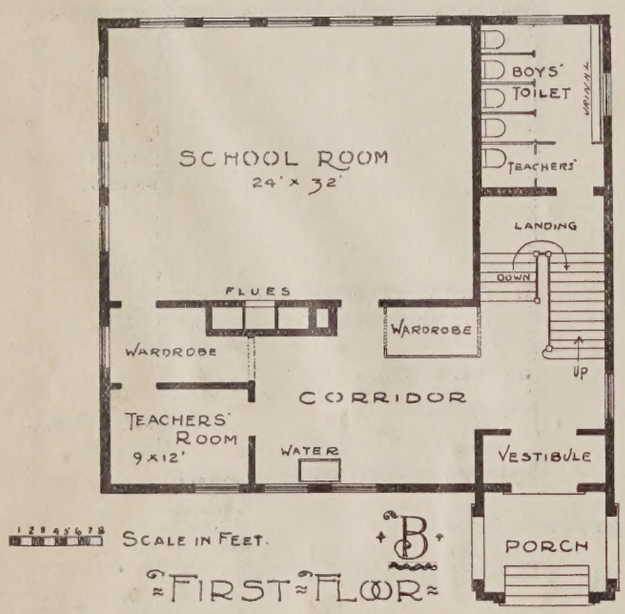

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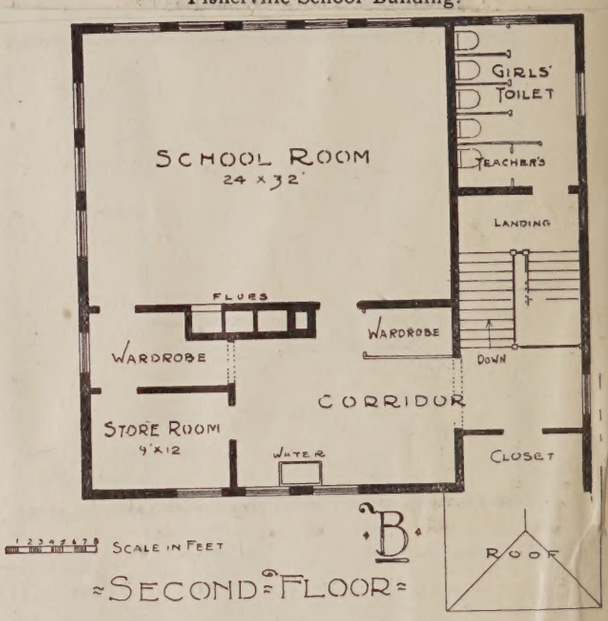

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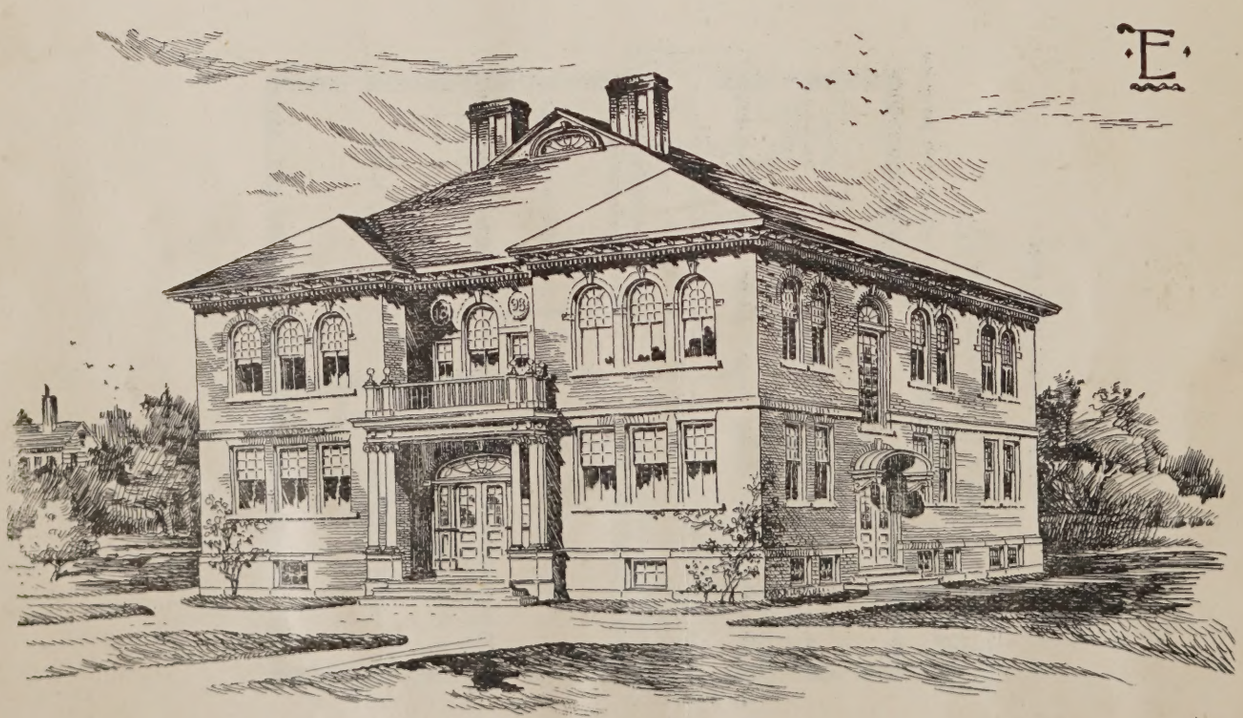

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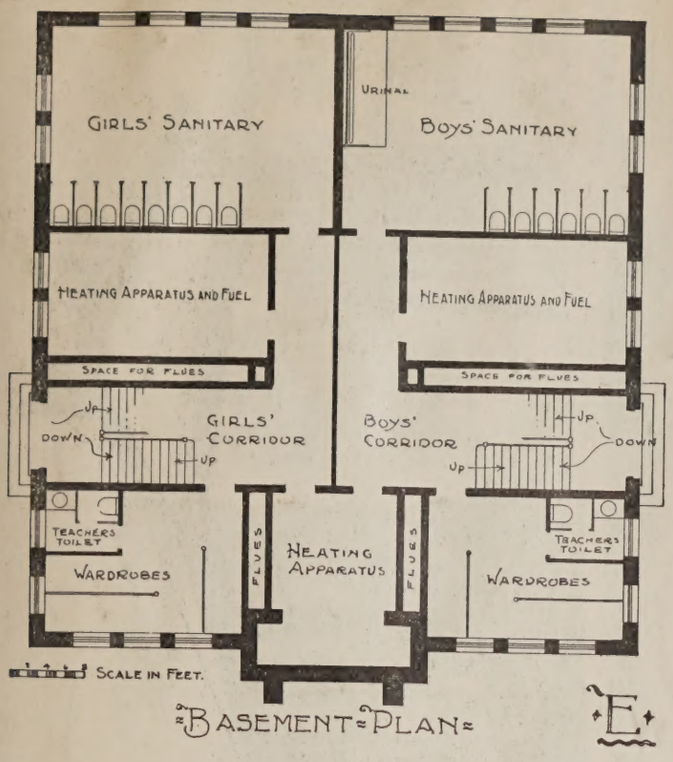

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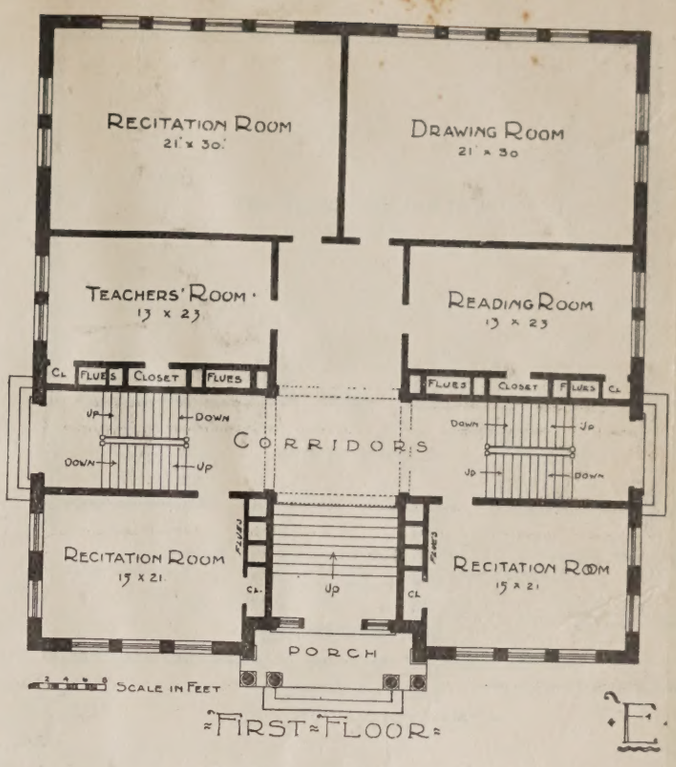

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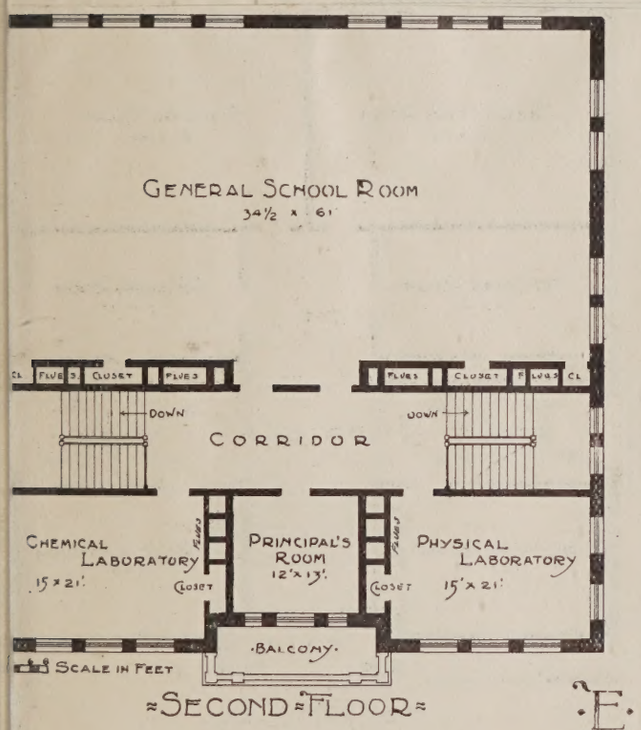

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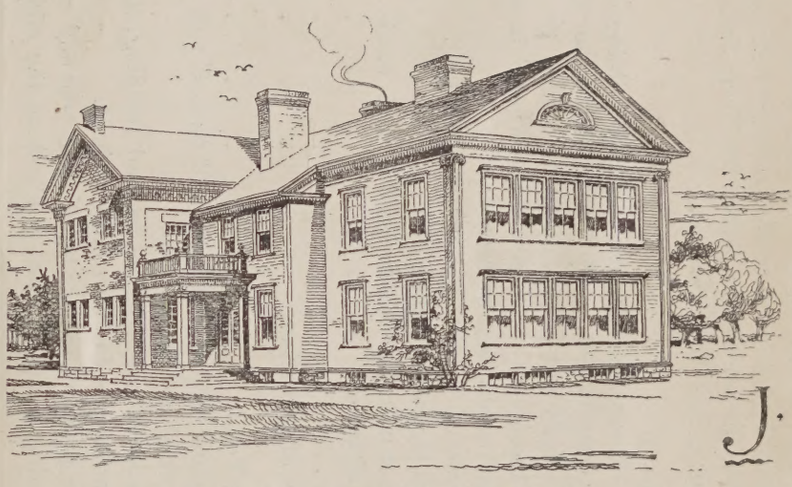

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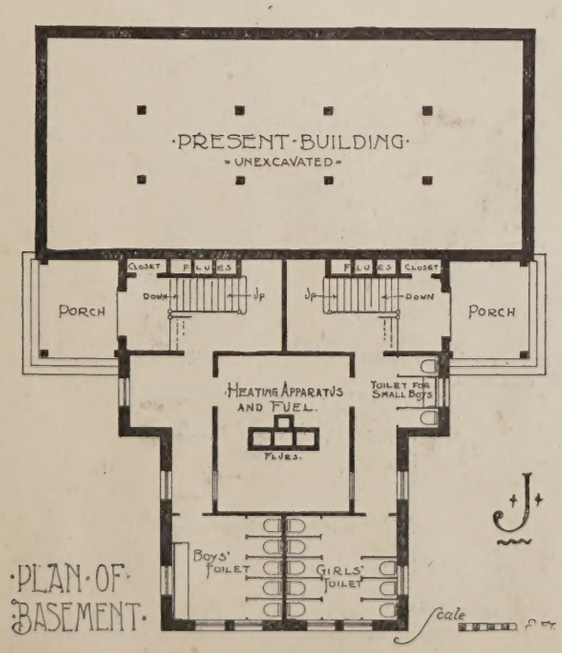

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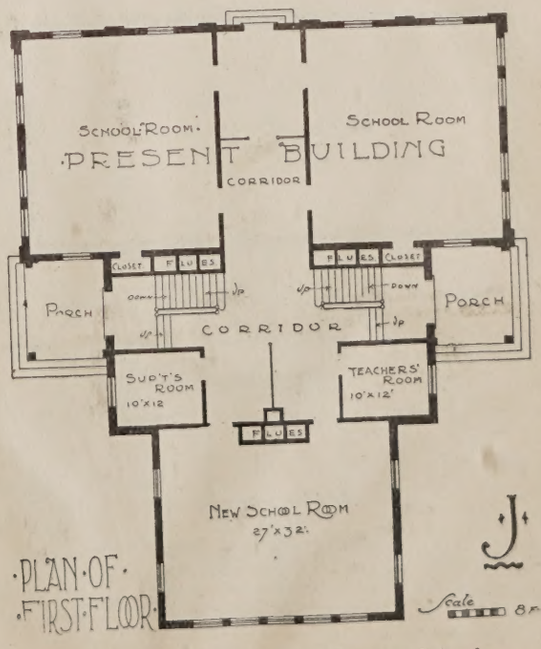

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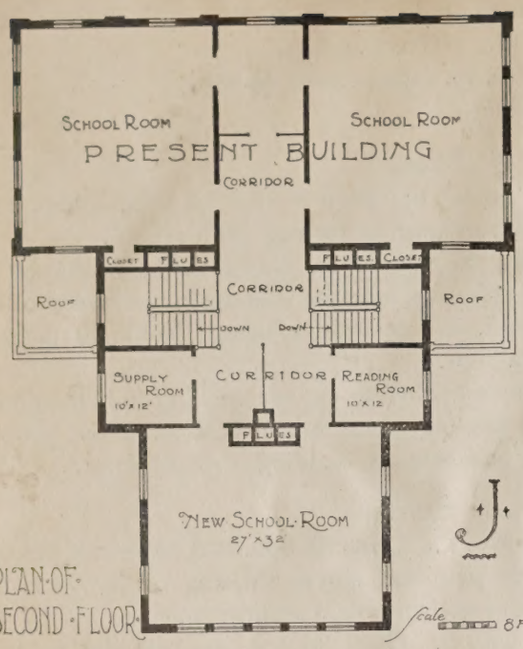

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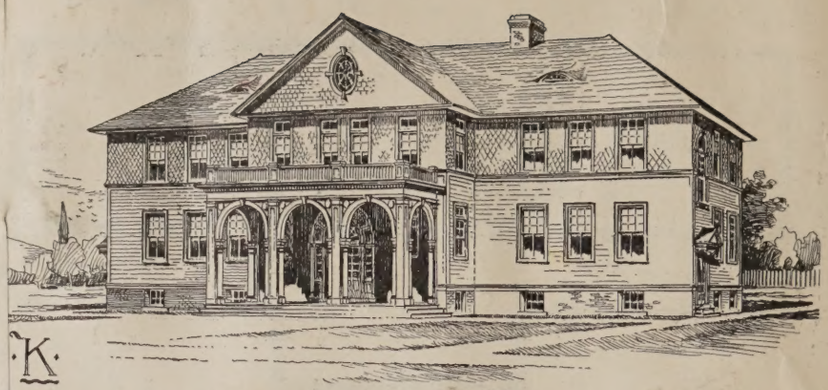

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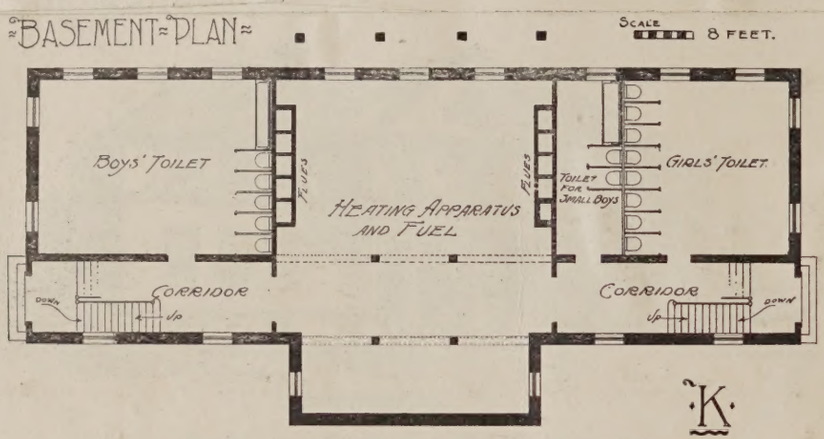

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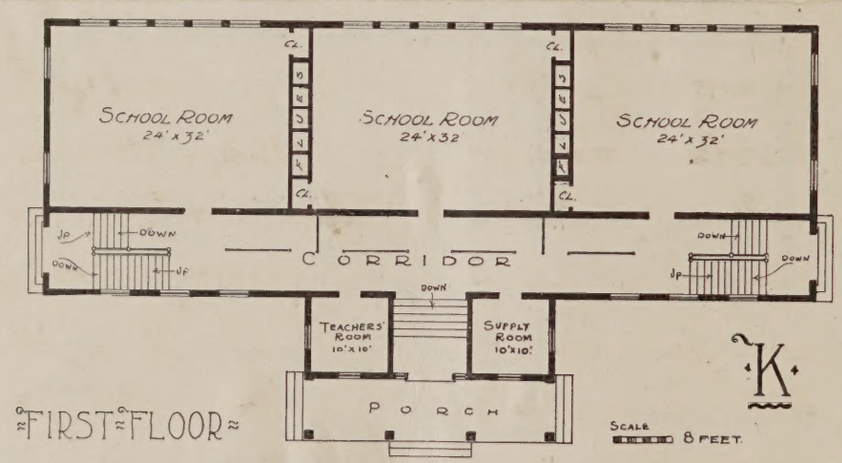

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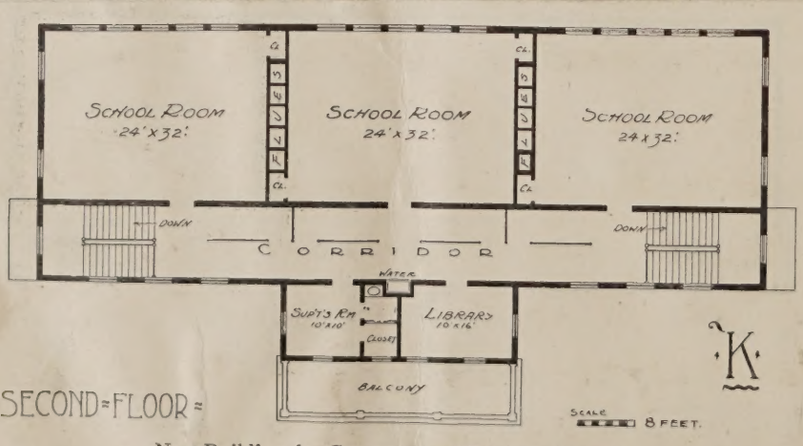

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New Building for Grammar and Primary Schools.

Decree.

Authorizing the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company to extend the location of its tracks in the Town of Grafton:

In Board of Selectmen September 30th 1898

Whereas, The Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company has presented its petition to this Board asking that it may authorize it to extend the location of its tracks in the Town of Grafton, and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the same, and operate the same by electricity or other motive power than steam, which petition is as follows:

To the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton,

Respectfully represents the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, a corporation duly established by law, that its charter as such has been accepted, and its tracks have been located and constructed in the City of Worcester.

It prays that it may be granted a location of its tracks in said Town of Grafton, as follows. and erect and maintain poles and wires for the same and operate the same by electricity or other motive power than steam:

A single track with convenient sidings and turnouts, beginning at a point in Grafton Square in the center of the Town of Grafton nearly opposite the Kirby House, thence northerly and following a line on the easterly side of Worcester Street, or the County Road, to its junction with Shrewsbury street: thence crossing said Shrewsbury Street and continuing northerly on the westerly side of Shrewsbury street to a point near the Depot in North Grafton, where the last named street intersects with the street known as Oak street, together with necessary connections and turnouts to enable it to run its cars to and upon the track petitioned for, the decree dated April 5th. 1898, granting a location on Worcester street having placed the tracks on the westerly side of Worcester Street and it being deemed desirable to locate the same on the easterly side of said street,

Worceeler Consolidaleē Street-Railway Company
By F. H. Dewey. President,
Worceeler, Maes. September 14. 1898.

Grafton, Maes September 30th 1898

Due notice having been given to all parties interesteē and a hearing having been given on said petition in accordance with the said notice.
Now, Therefore, it is ordered that the said corporation be an the same is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and use the location of its tracks in said town of Grafton, as follows, to wit:
Beginning at a point in Grafton Square in the center of the town of Grafton nearly opposite the Kirby House, thence northerly and following a line on the easterly side of Worceeler street, or the County Road, to its junction with Shrewsbury Street: thence crossing said Shrewsbury Street and continuing northerly on the westerly side of Shrewsbury Street to a point near the Depot in North Grafton, where the last-named street intersects with the street known as Oak Street. together with necessary connection and turn outs to enable it to run its cars to and upon the tracks petitioned for. the decree dated April 5th 1898 granting a location on Worceeler Street having placed the tracks on the westerly side of Worceeler Street and it being deemed desirable to locate the same on the easterly side of said street, and the same is hereby located on the several streets and subject to the following conditions:
First. The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton reserve the right to designate where nine inch girder rail with tram head, weighing not less than eighty-five pounds to the yard, shall be used, but such rail shall not be used to a greater extent than for a total distance of five hundred feet, single track measurement and at such points in such streets where the track shall be placed on the side thereof, a "T" rail weighing not less than fifty-five

pounds to the yard shall be used.

Second. The said Company shall lay and maintain block paving between the rails and eighteen inches outside thereof, wherever the nine inch girder rail is used. And on Worcester Street between Grafton Square and the foot of the hill, where the track is located on the side of the street, a cobble gutter four feet in width adjoining the rail next to the travelled way, shall be laid and maintained by the Company, if it is deemed necessary by the town authorities for the Company to do so. In case the said Company shall fail to keep said pavements in proper repair, the same may be repaired by the said town authorities, and the expense of said repairs shall be paid by the Company.

Third All necessary grading and removing of material, resetting and repair of fences, the retention of culverts and all other changes in such streets occasioned by the location of said tracks, shall be done at the expense of said Company.

Fourth. Whenever it shall become necessary to remove any of the tracks, wires or poles of said Company for any public work construction or purpose, the expense of such removal and restoration and any necessary expense with the relocation or alterations of the tracks shall be borne by the said Company.

Fifth. The removal of snow from said location shall be done to the acceptance of the said town authorities and wherever surface water may collect or be obstructed by occasion of the constructions of said Company, means for its disposal shall be provided as said town authorities may direct, at the expense of said Company

Sixth. The manner of laying the tracks, the location, grade and alignment of the same, the position of all turnouts, spur tracks, pattern of frog and switch connections shall be to the satisfaction of the said town authorities.

Seventh All poles used in said construction shall be of such size, shape and material as the said town authorities may order, and shall be placed at such points

along the line of said location as the said town authorities may direct and where such poles are located within the village they shall be painted not less than two coats of paint of such color as the Selectmen shall designate and shall be set in such depth in the ground as to make their support firm and substantial, and the cross wires or brackets, as the case may require for the support of the trolley wire, shall be attached to said poles at such height as to maintain said trolley wire at every point not less than eighteen feet above the surface of the street.

Eighth. All poles, brackets, wires and fixtures shall be maintained by said Company at all times in good order and condition, to the satisfaction of the said town authorities, and suitable guard wires of a size satisfactory to said town authorities shall be erected and maintained The work connected with erecting said wires shall meet the acceptance of said town authorities and be as directed by them

Ninth. At all points where the stringing of feed, trolley and guard wires may in any way interfere with the appliances used in the maintenance and operation of electric street lights, telegraph or telephone wires or poles, such changes as shall be required in their location or height shall be made as directed by the said town authorities and all expense of such changes shall be paid by the said Company

Tenth. The said Company shall keep the streets in safe and convenient condition for travel while laying its railway, and shall save the town harmless from all loss or damage resulting from failure to do so. Wherever cross walks exist they shall be put into good condition by said Company, such material being used as the said town authorities may approve,

Eleventh. The Town of Grafton shall not be responsible to said Company for any damages that may be occasioned by the bursting of water or sewer pipes, building or repairing the same, nor the fall of poles or wires erected or perm-

itted to be erected along the line of said location, nor for any damage occasioned by any other use of the street which it makes or permits to be made

Twelfth. The cutting and trimming of shade trees for the location of the wires of the said Company shall be subject to the approval of the said town authorities, first to be obtained

Thirteenth. The said Company shall be responsible to the said Town of Grafton for any loss or damage sustained by the said town to any person or persons injured by reason of any defects in the streets caused by the negligence of the said Railway Company.

Fourteenth. Wherever driveways occur the space between the rails, and for twelve inches outside thereof, shall be planked to a level with the top of the rail, and the approaches to said planking, shall be made safe and convenient for public travel, and wherever roads or streets enter the road or street in which tracks are laid, so that the travel is across said tracks, the Company shall pave with block paving the space between the rails and eighteen inches outside each rail, for the whole length of track over which the travel passes, said paving to be to the acceptance of the said town authorities

Fifteenth. Where the location of the Company's tracks crosses the river near the Wheeler Bridge the Company shall build a suitable and substantial xxxx temporary pile bridge for its own use and at its own expense, and operate its cars thereon, until such time as the proper authorities build a bridge to take the place of said Wheeler Bridge, then the Company may at its own expense place its track upon said new bridge in such manner as may be designated by the said town authorities, upon payment to the said town authorities of the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700.00), and where the Company's track are located across the stream on Shrewsbury Street in North Grafton, the Company shall build suitable abutments to support a girder or girders to carry their

~~to carry their~~ tracks thereon, providing, however, that the Company may use so much of the present bridge as may be deemed expedient by the said town authorities

Nineteenth. The rate of fare to be charged by said Company shall not exceed five cents for any distance between Grafton Center, so called, and the westerly end of Oak Street at North Grafton, and shall not exceed ten cents for any distance between Grafton Centre and the division line between the town of Millbury and the City of Worcester; and shall not exceed fifteen cents between Grafton Centre and the City Hall in the City of Worcester, and travellers over it shall receive all privileges of transfer in use on other of said Company's lines in said Worcester. The rate of fare between the Wheeler Bridge and the division line between the town of Millbury and the City of Worcester shall not exceed five cents, and between the Wheeler Bridge and the City Hall in the City of Worcester shall not exceed ten cents.

Seventeenth. And it is further provided that during the several school terms, on days when children have to attend the High School, the said Company shall sell to such scholars, upon presentation of proper credentials showing that such scholar is in attendance at the High School School Tickets which will be sold at the rate of thirty-three tickets for $1.00, said tickets to be good only in going to or coming from the said High School

Eighteenth. The construction of said tracks shall be completed and ready for operation within from the date of this deed

Nineteenth. The track of this location shall not be used on this road or operated in any manner, until all work shall have been completed in connection therewith, and the conditions as herein set forth shall have been complied with to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Selectmen, which acceptance shall have first been obtained therefor

Francis E Huckins
Thomas Wilmarth
Henry E. Brooks
Clarence H Elliot
Ellsworth E Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton, Mass. September 30th 1848

The location hereinbefore granted is hereby accepted.

Francis H. Dewey,
A. G. Bullock
A. H. Stone,

Directors of the Worcester Consolidated Street-Railway Company.

Received Dec 1st 1898 at 9 o'clock A. M.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton Massachusetts, for a relocation for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said town viz: Main highway, leading from Grafton Centre to North Grafton, from a point near the Wheeler Bridge to a point known as Mason Corner" Dated Nov 22, 1898

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts
By Jasper U Keller General Manager,

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton Massachusetts, to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the following named streets and highways of said town,

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications Poles shall be of a length, size and material and the wires thereon shall be at a height and placed in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Grafton

Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Following are the streets and highways above referred to
Main highway leading from Grafton Centre to North Grafton, from a point near the Wheeler Bridge to a point known as "Mason Corner"

F E Hucking
H E Brooks
C H Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
E E Moore
} Signature of Selectmen of Town of Grafton

Date December 5th
A true copy Received at 8h 30m PM Dec 6th 1898
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton, Massachusetts to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite in the following named streets and highways of said town,

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: Poles shall be of a length, size and material and the wires thereon shall be at a hight and placed in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen.

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Grafton, Massachusetts.

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Following are the streets and highway above refered to; Upton Street from the Grafton & Upton R.R. to the Park, 3 poles. South Street from Dr Maxwell's residence to the Park, 8 poles. North Street from the Park to J.E. McClellan's house 13 poles

Signatures of Seledmen F E Huckins
H E Brooks
C H Elliot
Thos Wilmarth
E E Howe

Date Jan 2nd 1899
A true copy,
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Received Jan 2, 1899 at 10 o'clock P.M.

Special Meeting Jan 5, 1899
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet ~~to meet~~ at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the Fifth day of January 1899 at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2nd To see if the town will authorize an application to the Legislature for the passage of an act to enable the town to borrow money beyond the amount now fixed by law for the purpose of improving and erecting school building in the town, or act anything in relation

in relation thereto. as petitioned for by Geo K Nichols and Nineteen others.

Art 3rd To see if the Town will vote to add six men members to its present board of School Committee at the next annual election of Town Officers thus increasing the number of said board to nine. To be chosen as follows. Two of said members to be chosen for one year, Two for two years. Two for three years, and each year thereafter three members be chosen for the term of three years, as petitioned for by S H. Knowlton and thirty-five others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post-Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post-Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twenty second day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight

Francis E Hucking
Henry E. Brooks
Clarence H. Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Ellsworth E Hoyt
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. December 27th 1898

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North-Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Tuesday the twenty seventh day of December current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the officers return thereon,
attest Edwin A Hoyt Town Clerk

A true copy attest
Edwin A Hoyt
Town Clerk

Grafton January 5, 1899

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock P.M. Jan 5th 1899. and transacted the following business Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st Arthur A Simmons chosen Moderator,

Art 2nd On Motion of Edward P. Usher it was voted "That the Town of Grafton be authorized to borrow not exceeding $4500, and to expend the same in building of new School houses renovating and repairing those now in use and in bringing all said buildings within the laws of the State as regards sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances, and in payment of said loan to issue its bonds conditioned so as to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent and to mature and become payable at the rate of $1500. per year the first sum of 1500. to mature in 1920. and a like sum each year thereafter until all the said bonds have been paid, Said authority of granted not to be exercised except it be directed by two thirds of the voters present and voting at a Town meeting duly called for the purpose,

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to present the request to the legislature

Voted that the Chairman appoint the Committee Chair appointed Edward P. Usher Hon Geo K Nichol Hon John E McClellen as the committee.

Art 3rd The following motion was made by Samuel H Knowlton. "That we choose six additional members to our present board of School Committee at our next Annual election of Town Officers thus increasing the number of said board to nine. To be chosen as follows Two of said members to be chosen for one year, Two for two years, Two for three years and each year thereafter three members be chosen

for the term of three years. Motion lost,
Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk.

Albert Williams appointed a Special Police Officer by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Feby 20. 1899

Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Worcester SS. Grafton Feb 23. 1899

Personally appeared Albert Williams and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of a Special Police Officer before me

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

George H. Taft appointed a Special Police Officer by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting held February 24th 1899.

Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Worcester S.S. Grafton Mar 4. 1899

Personally appeared George H. Taft and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of a Special Police Officer. Before me

Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting March 6th 1899

Warrant

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of March next at 7 o'clock A.M, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year. One Overseer of the Poor for three years One member of the committee on Town House for three years one member of the School Committee for three years. Three Auditors for one year. one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years. one member of the committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year, and one member of the Town House Committee for one year to fill vacancy.

And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town". The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross(X) opposite his name.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock, A.M. and may be closed at one o'clock, p, m, or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committee. and act thereon.

Art 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. and act thereon.

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct and determin when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing. and act thereon.

Art 7th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon.

Art 8th To determin where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 10th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use

Art 9th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.

Art 11th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.

Art 12th To see if the Town will appoint an agent to bring suit and to defend any suit that may be brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Art 13th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred ($300.) Dollars for the purpose of repairing and improving the highway known as the Westboro Road. in the Eastern part of said Town of Grafton between the residence of Seth Stockwell and the residence of John Hodgeny. or act anything in relation thereto

as petitioned for by Seth Stockwell and nine others,
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,
Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,
Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Clarence H Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Ellsworth E Moore
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss.

February 27. 1899.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 25th day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the return thereon
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton Mass March 6th 1899

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March 6, 1899 at 7 o'clock A. M. and were called to order by the Town Clerk, who then read the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Art. 1st. John E McClellan and J Frank Hall were sworn as Tellers in the election of Moderator.

Stanley H Holmes elected Moderator receiving seven (7) votes. the Check list being used.

Art 2nd. Clarence Putnam Dem. and J Frank Hall Rep. having been appointed as ballot-clerks by the Selectmen were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, and to them was given the package of official ballots and their receipt taken therefor.

Clarence R Pratt Samuel B Haley Harry E Hoare Republican and William E Donovan Perley Goddard were sworn as Tellers having been previously appointed by the Selectmen Walter E Smith Benjamin F Gibson Theodore F Smith Republican and William Storrie Jr and Charles M Batchelder Democrat were appointed Tellers by the Moderator and duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots having been posted according to law. the ballot box was opened, examined, and publicly shown to be empty. said box was closed locked and the Keys given to William A Getchell Constable at the Polls the register being set at 0000.

Voted, the polls be closed at 4 o'clock P. M. and immediately after the votes for Town Officers is declared and the ballots sealed up, this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 11th at 1-30 o'clock P. M. and that no other business be taken up until that time Polls were declared open at 7-30 o'clock A. M.

During the voting the ballot box was opened by the unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk at 8-55 o'clock when the Register stood 112 and 99 ballots removed

then at 10.20 a.m. when it registered 285. and 161 ballots taken out. and at 2 o'clock P.M. when it Registered 551. and 290 ballots taken out. Due notice having been given by the Moderator the polls were closed at 4 o'clock P.M. the Register standing 627. the ballots were removed there being 79. ballots making a Total of 629. ballots cast being two more than Registered, by the by.

The names checked at the polls and at the table of the Ballot Clerks were counted in the manner required by law and there was 629. names checked upon each list.

The ballots having been counted, public declaration was made in open meeting and recorded as follows —

For Town Clerk.

Whole number of ballots 629.

Edwin A Moore had four hundred and eighty (480)

Blank one hundred forty nine

Edwin A Moore declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office by the Moderator in open Meeting

For Selectmen

Whole number of ballots cast 3145.

George B Brooks had Three hundred fifty (350)

Henry E Brooks Two hundred seventy four (274)

Aaron Elliot one hundred fifty-five (155)

Clarence H. Elliot three hundred eighty eight (388)

Edward A. Estabrook four hundred eleven (411)

Ellsworth E Moore three hundred ninety nine (399)

Francis E Huckins one hundred seventy five (175)

Thomas Wilmarth four hundred eleven (411)

Blanks five hundred eighty two

George B Brooks Clarence H Elliot Edward A. Estabrook, Ellsworth E Moore and Thomas Wilmarth were declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk

For Treasurer.

Arthur A Simmons had five hundred (500)

Blank one hundred twenty nine

Arthur A. Simmons declared elected
Sworn by the Town Clerk March 10, 1898

For Assessor for three years.

Leyman M. Rice had four hundred ninety three (493)
S. H. Knowlton one (1)
Blank one hundred thirty five
Leyamn M. Rice declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk March 8th 1899

For Tax Collector

Edwin A. Moore had five hundred twenty five (525)
Blank one hundred four
Edwin A Moore declared elected
Sworn by Ellsworth E Moore Justice of the Peace Apr 3 1899

For Overseer of the Poor for three years

Sumner F. Leonard had four hundred seventy. (470)
Willard P Knight one (1)
Charles Goddard one (1)
Blank. one hundred fifty seven
Sumer F. Leonard declared elected
Sworn by the Town Clerk

For School Committee for three years

Warren B. Maxwell had four hundred sixty five (465)
D. W. Norcross one (1)
Blank one hundred sixty three
Warren B Maxwell declared elected

For Town House Committee for three years

Silas E Stowe had four hundred eighteen (418)
Blank two hundred eleven
Silas E Stowe declared elected.

For Town House Committee for one year vacancy

Stanley F. McGarry had four hundred ten (410)
E. P. Usher one (1)
Frank Warren one (1)
S. F Leonard one (1)
Geo A Dearborn one (1)
Blank two hundred fifteen
Stanley F McGarry declared elected

For Common Committe for 3 years
George W Fisher had four hundred forty three (443)
Blank one hundred eighty two
George W Fisher declared elected

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years.

John E McClellan had four hundred twenty-seven (427)
Blank two hundred two
John E McClellan declared elected

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years.

Ashley W. Rice had four hundred forty four (444)
A G Getchell one
Blank one hundred eighty four
Ashley W. Rice declared elected

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years.

Willis G. Coville had three hundred ninety four (394)
Blank two hundred thirty five
Willis G. Coville declared elected.

For Auditor

Whole number of ballots 1887
Moses G Beauregard had two hundred seventy six (276)
Joseph D. Goddard had three hundred ninety-eight (398)
Clarence N. Putnam three hundred twenty six (326)
James A Young three hundred twenty six (326)
P. Goddard one (1)
Blank. five hundred sixty
Joseph D Goddard, Clarence N. Putnam and James A. Young declared elected. Joseph D. Goddard. James A. Young were sworn by the Town Clerk

Constables.

Whole number of ballots 5032
James Carney had four hundred fifty eight- (458)
George A. Dearborn three hundred seventy one (371)
Amos G. Getchell four hundred seventy one (471)
William A Getchell four hundred sixty six (466)
James W. Gould three hundred forty eight- (348)
James Harding three hundred sixty five (365)
Edward V. Hitchings three hundred fifty five (355)
Addington A. Smith three hundred sixty six (366)
William P. Spencer two hundred sixty nine (269)
Blank fifteen hundred sixty three
James Carney, George A. Dearborn, Amos G Getchell.

William A Getchell James W. Gould. James Harding Edward V. Hitchings Addington A. Smith were declared elected. and James Carney George A Dearborn Amos L Getchell William A Getchell. Edward V. Hitchings and Addington A Smith. sworn by the Town Clerk.
James W. Gould & James Harding sworn by Ellsworth E Howe Justice of the Peace

Licenses

Yes	Two hundred ninety two	(292)
No	Two hundred eighty two	(282)
Blank	Fifty-five	

The ballots cast and the check lists used used were sealed up in seperate packages and delivered to the Town Clerk, as the law directs and the meeting adjourned until Saturday March Eleventh 1899 at 1-30 o clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton. Mass. Mch 10th. 1899

Edwin A. Howe Esq. Town Clerk

Dear Sir;- At a meeting of the Selectmen held March 8th the following appointments were made, all of which have been notified by the Clerk of the Board;-

Supt of Streets.

John E McClellan, sworn March 10. 1899 by the Town Clerk

Engineers of Fire Dept.

Henry E Brooks. Frank E Vinton. Henry Mann
Thos Wilmarth. David S Bassett. Geo H. Huckins.

Registrar of Voters.

B. F Gibson Qualified Sept 14. 1899.

Keeper of Lock-Up and Pound

James Carney. Sworn March 11. 1899 by the Town Clerk,

Agent for St Aid. Edwin A. Howe

Ag.t for Burial of Soldiers. Edwin A Howe

Weighers and Measurers of Wood.

Napolean Tebo. Fred A. Dodge, Joseph Tebo. Jas A. Young, A. G Getchell, Thos Wilmarth John Barney, J. E McClellan, E. D. Holbrook, Henry Mann. Cornelius Sullivan, A. L. Fisher, B. D. Adams L. K. Leeland.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Saml. E Leeland sworn March 11, 99 by the Town Clerk

Inspector of Animals and Provision

Perley Goddard. sworn March 14. 1899. by Town clerk

Forest Fire Wards.

Seth Stockwell. John A. Brown. A. G Getchell, James Platt. Perley Goddard. Layman M. Rice. S H. Knowlton D. L. Fiske S. E Stowe, J.A. Sweeten. J. E McClellan C K Axtell, W H. Miles, and Fire Dept.

Special Police

Edward Barney J. T. Shirley. Jas Reeby, Alfred E Lowell Albert Williams Geo H Taft

Undertakers

A. G. Getchell & Son. B F Gibson. J. Frank Donahue.

Yours very truly,
E. E. Howe Clerk.

A true copy Attest-
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 11, 1899

Pursuant to adjournment from March 6th the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 1.30 o'clock P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read a letter from Stanley H Holmes tendering his resignation as Moderator which was accepted,

The meeting made choice of Leyman M. Rice as Moderator the check being used. Sixteen ballots cast - all for Leyman M Rice. George K Nichols and Francis E Huckins were sworn as Tellers.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 2. Taken up. David Le Fisk. D. Webster Norcross and Augustus E Johnson were elected as Fence Viewers. David Le Fiske and Augustus E Johnson sworn by the Moderator D. Webster Norcross sworn by the Town Clerk, Mar 13. 99.

William Coyne and Charles M. Batchelder elected as Field Drivers.

Voted, that all remaining Town Officer be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art 3rd

Voted to accept the following reports as printed.

Town Clerk. Selectmen. Treasurer. Rawson Fund Collector of Taxes. Town House Committee, Supt of Streets Assessors. Overseers of the Poor. Riverside Cemetery Pine Grove Cemetery. Fairview Cemetery. Fairview Cemetery Comm. G. M. of A.R. Sprague Post No 24 G.A.R. Library. School Committee. said reports are on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Art 4th taken up.

Voted, to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for Bonds 1500.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars for interest 3000.00

Voted, that we raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen thousand one hundred and fifty dollars for Schools 17,150.00 in one sum rather than seperate accounts

Moder of Thomas Wilmarth

Voted to raise and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars for Fire Department 1400.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars for highways 4000.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate nine hundred dollars for Sidewalks equally devided between the North South and Centre 900,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate fifty-five hundred dollars for support of the Poor 5500,00
Voted to raise and appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for Town Officers except Clerk Treas & Schol Committee 1800,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for Town Clerks Salary 125,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Town Treasurers Salary 100,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for Salary of the Schol Committee 200,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate seven hundred and eighty seven 50/100 dollars for Salary of Supt of Schools 787,50
Voted, to appropriate the proceeds of the Dog Tax for the Free Public Library (Dog Tax)
Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifteen dollars for delivery of Books to the Villages 115,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for Hydrant Rental (Grafton Water Co) 2500,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate twenty four hundred dollars for Electric St Light (Grafton Electric Co) 2400,00
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial Day. 100,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars. for the Common 100,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for Soldiers Relief, Chap 272 acts of 1893. 350,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars. for Collectors and Treasurers bonds 200,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars for Snow bills 2000,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for Insurance 400,00
Voted, to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for Miscellaneous. 1500,00

Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Military Aid $200,00

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for the prosecution of person engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating Liquors 300,00

Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Riverside Cemetery 200,00

Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Fairview Cemetery 200,00

Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred fifty seven dollars for Repair to Roof of House 557,35

Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Pine Grove Cemetery 200,00

Art 5th taken up. Voted that no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town; that the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands. and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art. 6th taken up Voted. that it be ten dollars.

Art. 7th taken up. Voted, that the names presented by the Selectmen. be excepted. (the names of Adelington A Smith and Willard J Holmes printed in the report were withdrawn at their request) as follows

Adams, Erastus	Chase Daniel S,	Gaudette Napoleon F.
Aylett, Cyrus K.	Chapin, John C,	Goddard Perley.
Allen George B.	Covell Willis S.	Hall Henry.
Banister Henry L.	Donovan William E,	Hoyt Edwin A.
Bassett David S.	Davis Loren S.	Huckins Francis E.
Batchelder Charles M.	Elliott, Aaron	Huckins George H.
Batchelor, Sanford L	Fay. George A.	Jourdan Harrison D,
Brewer Thomas H, Saugus	Fiske David L,	Keith John F.
Brown John A.	Fahey James J.	Kirby Alfred J,
Aylett Roland J.	Getchell Amos S.	Knight-Willard P.
Casey Maurice J.	Getchell William A.	Knowlton Samuel H,
Chamberlin Edward F.	Goddard Charles	Leland, Henry K.
Chickering Jonas H.	Goddard Edwin P.	Leland Samuel E,

Dwight E Lincoln
Thomas J. Leynch
Charles W. Leingley
Macker Dean W,
Miles Charles H.
Nichole George K
Newton George M,
O'Keefe Jeremiah R
Pratt, Charles Le,
Putnam Clarence N.
Peters George W,
Rice Seyman M.
Rogers, Stephen S.
Rice Ashley W,
Severance Charles A.
Sinclair E. Herbert
Sherry William
Smith, Waller E,
Sumner Clarence
Sweetzer John A
Stockwell George B,
Thurber Edward C.
Taft H Mortimer
Whitney John A.
Ward James B,
Webb Park H,
Williams Frederick S,
Wilmarth Thomas

The following names were added by vote John P. Casey
Theodore F. Smith, Silas E Stowe Charles W. Clark.

Art 8th taken up. Voted that it be within the centre District

Art 9th taken up. Voted. That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of, the Town of Grafton, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the town treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the board of selectmen, such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet the wants of the town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art 10th taken up. Voted, that the Collector be so authorized

Art 11th. Voted, to pass over the article

Art 12th taken up. Voted, that it be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen,

Art 13th. taken up. Voted, that a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to improve and repair the highway between the Residence of Seth Stockwell and the Residence of John Hodgens on the Westboro Road

Voted, to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton April 11th 1899

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by fire all the ballots cast at the annual Town meeting held March 6. 1899 for Town Officers, the package was not opened and the seals were unbroken. The check lists used at said election were delivered to the Registrars of voters.

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Grafton April 12. 1899

Harry E Moore appointed Assistant Town Clerk by Edwin A Moore Town Clerk. (Sec 4 chap 423 Act 1893).

Attest Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Grafton April 12. 1899

Personally appeared Harry E Moore and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Assistant Town Clerk

before me

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting May 2. 1899

Warrant-

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of May next at -8- o'clock P. M. to act on the following article to wit;

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Article 2nd To see if the town will vote to expend a sum not exceeding ($45.000.) forty-five thousand dollars as permitted by Chapter 250 of the Legislative Acts of 1899, and for the purposes therein recited; said money to be expended by the citizens hereinafter named acting as a special Committee, viz Arthur A. Simmons, Oliver M. Wing, Stearns L. Davenport, Frank H. Clapp, Seyman M. Rice, Rev John R Murphy, Albert L. Fisher, Thomas Wilmarth, Ellsworth E. Howe, Austin G. Kempton, Edward A. Estabrook, Silas E. Stowe, Warren B. Maxwell, D. Webster Norcross, Francis M. McGarry, Said Committee to have power to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation and to be absolutely limited in gross expenditures for all purposes whatsoever to the aforesaid sum, except that in addition to said sum the Committee may use any money received from the sale of the present High School building and lot. authority to make which sale shall be vested in said Committee, if in their opinion such sale is desirable

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days

at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight-hundred and ninety-nine.

Clarence H Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Edward A Estabrook
George B. Brooks
Ellsworth E Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

April 27. 1899

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saundersville on Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of April current at 11. a.m. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon.
Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton May 2. 1899

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton May 2. 1899 at Eight-o'clock P.M. and the following business was transacted:
Art. 1st Leyman M. Rice elected Moderator.
Art 2nd The following motion was submitted in writing by Edward P. Usher.
Motion "That we do hereby authorize the expenditure

of a sum not-exceeding ($45 000) Forty-Five Thousand Dollars as and in the manner or method permitted by Chapter 250 of the Legislative Acts of 1899. and for the purposes therein recited. said money to be expended by the citizens hereinafter named acting as a special Committee. viz: Arthur A. Simmons, Oliver M. Wing, Stearns L. Davenport Frank H. Clapp Seyman M. Rice, Rev John R Murphy. Albert L. Fisher. Thomas Wilmarth Ellsworth E Howe Austin L. Kempton. Edward A. Estabrook. Silas E Stowe Warren B Maxwell, D. Webster Norcross. Francis M. McGarry.. Said Committee shall have power to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation, and shall be absolutely limited in gross expenditures for all purposes whatsoever, to the aforesaid sum, except-that in addition to said sum the Committee may use any money received from the sale of the present-High School building and lot; authority to make which sale shall be vested in said Committee, if in their opinion such sale is desirable. It-is understood and intended that by this vote said Committee is empowered to make all necessary contracts in the name of the Town within the stated limits and designated purposes. said expenditures to be audited in the usual manner by the Auditors of the Town elected at the annual meeting It-is also intended that if a vacancy occurs by death or resignation, said vacancy shall be filled by the choice of a citizen resident in that section of the town to which the member deceased or resigned belonged.
It-is also intended that payment of all bills contracted by said special Committee shall be made by the Town Treasurer on orders of the Selectmen, said orders being based on certificates issued and signed by said special Committee or by its Chairman and Treasurer. on its behalf It-is also understood and intended that the issuance of said bonds as contemplated in said Legislative Act; as well as the sale thereof, shall be left-

in the hands of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen as in regular course or routine of business. It is also understood that said Special Committee will consider whether it be not possible and expedient to arrange to have a room in some school building reserved for the purposes of manual training, and that if they finde it is possible and expedient they will plan to have such room so reserved."

The vote was taken by ballot the check list being used. James A. Young Chas H Miles Oliver M Wing and William E Donovan were appointed as tellers by the Moderator and duly sworn by him the result of the ballot was as follows,

Whole number of ballots cast Two hundred twenty seven Yes had Eighty four (84) No one hundred forty three (143) and the motion declared lost -

During the discussion and before the ballot was taken a motion to adjourn was made and being put to vote was lost: then a motion to proceed to ballot was carried and immediately reconsidered. After the result of the ballot was declared it was Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Grafton Upton & Milford Street Railway Company

Revocation

Grafton Mass May 2. 1899.

Whereas by the ruling of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it has been ascertained that the portion of the location copied below as granted on the 14th day of July A.D. 1898 to the Grafton Upton & Milford Street Railway Company, was not in accordance with the articles of Association of said Company and is consequently void.
now after due hearing the Selectmen of said town of Grafton hereby revoke that portion of the location heretofore aforesaid granted, which follows viz:- thence through and around said Square to and through Church Street so called, to and through the road crossing said Church Street at the foot of the hill, along said road by the corner known as Jourdans Corner and by the house of Perley Goddard to the village of Farnumsville, to a point in the street near what is known as the Brick Church in said village of Farnumsville" And said Selectmen also hereby revoke the ~~seventh~~ seventeenth Condition in said location viz:-

"Seventeenth And it is further provided that said Company shall make a deposit of one thousand Dollars in Cash, upon the acceptance of this decree, in the Grafton National Bank to the Credit of the said town of Grafton, such sum to remain there until such time as the Condition of this decree shall have been fully Complied with, and if said Company fail to fulfill said conditions, with the specified time, then said sum shall be forfeited by said Railway Company and shall be paid to the Treasurer of said town of Grafton"

C. H. Elliot
E. A. Estabrook
Thomas Wilmarth
E. E. Howe
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

A true copy Attest:
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Upton & Milford Street Railway Company

This Agreement made this second day of May A. D. 1899 by and between the Grafton, Upton, and Milford Street Railway Company, a corporation, party of the first part and the Town of Grafton, a municipal corporation, party of the second part. Witnesseth- that-
Whereas the said Town has at the request of the said Company and in order to comply with the ruling of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, revoked portions of the location granted to said Company by said Town on the 14th day of July A. D. 1898. and
Whereas said Company has accepted said revocation
Now therefore in consideration of the premises said Company hereby agrees that as soon as its road is completed as now located. it will immediately apply to said Selectmen of said Grafton for an extension of its tracks over the location from Grafton Centre to Farnumsville which has been as aforesaid revoked and upon being granted said extension upon the terms set forth in its present location in said town of Grafton will build and complete the same, And said Company further agrees that upon the execution and delivery of these presents, it will deposit with the Treasurer of the Town of Grafton one thousand dollars as a guaranty for its performance of this contract on its part to be forfeited to said town if said Company shall fail to perform its part of this contract within one year after the completion of its road as now located as aforesaid.
In Witness whereof the said Town of Grafton by its Board of Selectmen and said Grafton, Upton, and Milford Street Railway Company by John F Simmons one of its Directors duly authorized by vote of said Company. have caused these presents to be signed in their respective names and their seals to be hereto attached the Second day of May A. D. 1899

Town of Grafton

By Clarence H. Elliot
George B Brooks.
Edward A Estabrook
Ellsworth E Hoar
Thomas Wilmarth.
} Selectmen

Grafton, Upton & Milford Street Railway Company.
by John F. Simmons
one of its Directors.

A true copy.
Attest
Edwin A. Hoar Town Clerk

Selectmen Appointment. June 8. 1899
Sanford L Batchelor Field driver
Sworn by the Town Clerk
Agent for Board of Health — Perley Goddard.
Attest
Edwin A Hoar
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting June 16. 1899

Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Friday the Sixteenth day of June 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit,

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the town will provide school accomodations for the pupils of the Baby School, so called, at Grafton Centre the Engine Room School, and the Methodist Vestry School at North Grafton, the aforesaid school rooms having been pronounced to be unfit to be used for school purposes by the Inspection Department of the Massachusetts District Police, also to see if the town will vote to provide better and additional means of ventilation in the following named school buildings, viz, High School and Brick School at Grafton Centre, Saundersville School, Farnumsville School, North Grafton School and Waterville School, by means of brick or metallic flues or ducts aided by heat or mechanical means to supply to each person accomodated therein at least thirty feet per minute of properly warmed fresh air, to properly circulate such amount of air in the rooms and to remove it therefrom in a proper manner when it has become vitiated. All of which is to be done subject to the approval of the Department of Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Public Buildings of the Massachusetts District Police, as directed by said Department in an order to the School Board dated May 1 1899, and to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to carry out any or all of the provisio

of this article.
As petitioned for by the School Committee
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,
Given under our hands this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine

Clarence H Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Ellsworth E Moore
George B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. June 10th 1899.
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Friday the ninth day of June current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and return thereon
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton June 16. 1899.
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton June 16. 1899 at 8 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1st Loyman M. Rice elected Moderator.

Art 2nd The following motion was made by Joseph L. Keith.

"That a Committee of nine member be Chosen to consider and investigate, the condition of all the various building used as schol houses in this town, as regards adequacy of accommodation, Sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances, and to recommend what ought to be done to provide adequate accommodation for all the pupils of the town, and to bring the School buildings, in all respects within the laws of this state, as regards Sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances.

Said Committee shall report the probable expense of all work and material as properly required, as advised by it, and shall report at a special meeting of the legal voters of the town to be held not later than July 1, 1899." and that said committee be chosen from the floor. The motion was Voted unanimously

The following named persons were elected as the Committe Hon John E McClellan Stearns L. Davenport Amos G. Getchell, Joseph L. Keith Esq John R Murphy, P. Frank Kelley Samuel H. Knowlton, Ellis Earnshaw. John A Brown. Joseph L. Keith declined to serve and nominated Silas E Stowe in his place and and Mr. S.E. Stowe was elected

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton June 23. 1899

Sum July 1st 99 E A Howe J.P.

Wm H Kingsley of Farnumsville and Alex Gordin of Sum Jun 25/99 E.A.H. Town Clerk Saunderville appointed Special Police by the Selectmen at the meeting June 23

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting June 30th 1899

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Friday the 30th day of June 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M.: to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of the towns property in Kansas City Mo. or act thereon.

Art 3rd To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen to contract with the Mass Highway Commission for State Highway under Sec 4, Chap 497, Acts of 1894 or act thereon

Art 4th To receive the report of the special Committee on School Houses and act thereon,

Art 5th To see if the Town will vote to erect a new High School building and authorize the purchase of land therefor, determin the expense thereof, and appropriat money therefor

Art 6th To see if the town will vote to enlarge the present school building at North Grafton, by the addition of two rooms in the rear. And also to provide heating and ventilating appliances such as will conform to the requirements of the law together with suitable sanitaries, determine the expense thereof and appropriate money therefor.

Art 7th To see if the town vote to erect a two-room school building at North Grafton and authorize the purchase of land therefor determin the expense thereof and appropriate money therefor.

Art 8. To see if the town will vote to provide for the present school building at North Grafton new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law, together with proper sanitaries, determine the expense

thereof and appropriate money therefor, ——

Art 9 To see if the town will vote to build a new two-room school building at Fisherville on a lot offered to said Town of Grafton, by the Fisher Manufacturing Company of said Grafton. determin the expense thereof, and appropriate therefor, ——

Art 10th To see if the town will vote to build a new graded school building at Grafton Centre and authorize the purchase of land therefor, determin the expense thereof, and appropriate money therefor, ——

Art 11th To see if the town will vote to repair the present brick grammer school at the Centre, provide it with proper heating and ventilating apparatus and suitable sanitaries. build a two room addition thereto and authorize purchase of land additional to the present lot, determin the expense thereof and appropriate money therefor, ——

Art 12th To see if the town will vote to provide new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law, together with proper sanitaries for the school building at Saundersville, and authorize necessary repairs thereon. determin the expense thereof and appropriate money therefor. ——

Art 13th To see if the town will vote to build a two-room addition to the Saundersville School so called. and determin the expense thereof and appropriate money therefor. ——

Art 14th To see if the town will vote to provide for the Farnumsville School building, so called, new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law, determin the expense thereof, and appropriate money therefor, ——

Art 15th To see if the town will vote to appoint a Building Committee or Committees, determin the number of members and the individuals who shall constitute same, and empower said committee or committees with full authority to carry out any or all the matters enumerated in Article 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. ——

Art 16th. To see if the Town will vote to incur indebtedness for the purposes enumerated in Chap. 250 of the Acts of 1899, and determin the amount thereof, & determin whether the Town will issue bonds in accordance with Sec 2 of Chap. 250, Acts of 1899; and further to determin as to the manner and times of payment for said bonds, and to further determin any matter that may be necessary to carry out the provisions of said act.

Art 17th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of the land and buildings at Grafton Centre, now occupied by the High School buildings and grounds, and empower a committee or such person or persons as they may appoint to execute and deliver proper deeds and instruments to convey and transfer the same. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

Clarence H. Elliot
Thos Wilmarth
Edward A. Estabrook
George B. Brooke
Ellsworth E. Moore
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Return thereon
Attest- Edward A. Moore Town Clerk

Worcester ss June 24th 1899

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the 23rd day of June current at 15 m past 10 a.m. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton Mass June 30. 1899

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town, on Friday June 30. 1899 at 8 o'clock P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Art 1st taken up. and Seymour M. Rice was elected Moderator.

Art 2nd taken up. Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to deed the property in the name of the town when sold.

Art. 3 taken up. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Highway Commission for State Highway, Massachusetts

Art 4th Taken up. John E McClellan Chairman of the Special Committee on School House made the following report.,

At a Town meeting held on June 16. 1899. the following vote was passed.

That a Committee of nine members be chosen to consider and investigate the condition of all the buildings used as school houses in this town as regards adequacy of accommodation, sanitary, heating and ventilating appliances. And to recommend what ought to be done to provide adiquate accommodation for all the pupils of the town, and to bring the school buildings in all respects within the laws of the state as regards sanitary heating and ventilating appliances. Said Committee shall report the probable expense of all work and material as properly required, as advised by it and shall report at a Special meeting of the legal voters of the town. to be held not later than July 1st 1899.

Pursuant to that vote, your committee respectfully present their report. And first we wish to acknowledge our dependence on the very able and comprehensive report made by the former Committee and presented to the town on November 19th 1898 except for the free use of that report this Committee would not be able in the limited time allotted them to make any definate report at all

In the two weeks intervening since the last Town Meeting your Committee have not been idle. we have held five protracted meetings and have visited and examined all the schol buildings comprehended in this report.
At North Grafton we agree with the statements and recommendations of the former Committee, as found on page 4 of their printed report. With the exception that our committee believe that there is more or less waste and loss in moving old buildings and in adding new to old buildings. Also, that the lot is small for the number of pupils already accommodated in the present six room building.
Therefor the Committee recommend that the land on the opposite side of Perry St be purchased by the town, and that a two room building be erected thereon of suitable style to admit of additions if needed in the future. We estimate, and it is corroborated by Mr Stephen C Earle of Worcester, that this change of plan will not increase the estimate for North Grafton, except the purchase price of the land. This lot, a large desirable site for a schol house can be bought for a good deal less than two thousand dollars we have been informed. So we advise putting the present six room building in proper condition as to heating, ventilating and sanitary appliances, and that the stairs be changed to conform to the requirements of the law. In other words we think that it is wiser to get the additional room needed in a new building instead of enlarging the old building. The expense estimated just the same by either plan namely $7900, to which add 1800 for land.
At Farnumsville and at Saundersville, the Committee fully indorse the printed report of the former Committee and refer you to page 15 of their report.
At Fisherville the committee recommend that a new two room building be erected on land very generously offered to the town free of expense by the Fisher M. f. g. Co and as at North Grafton it is advisable that this building

be erected so that it may be added to for future needs
At Grafton Centre the Committee carefully investigated
the same High School building and we do not hesitate to
say that it is entirely inadequate, both in size and appoin-
tments. We pronounce it without qualification the poorest
school building in town, with a furnace past use
no proper ventilation, and the worst possible sanitary
conditions. The roof also needs shingling. We have
carefully examined the plan presented by the former
committee and we recommend its adoption, marked
plans page 16. Estimated cost $6,750
For the brick Grammar school on North Street the Committee
recommend a reduction of plan #3 under estimate
#2, as found on page 27 of the printed report.
This is a substantial two story brick building of four
rooms and in fair condition, except as to heating ventilating, sanitary conditions and stairways. This seems
to the committee to good a building to abandon, in
view not only of the substantial character of the
building but that a considerable sum of money has
recently been expended on draining the cellar
and lot that the yard is dry, and is shaded by beautiful
trees that have taken a life time to grow. So in consid-
eration of the fact that only one more room is needed
at present in Grafton Centre we recommend that a
brick addition be built on the front of said building
about 27 x 32 feet the basement of which will accommodate
the heating ventilating and sanitary appliances
The first floor for coridors and stairways, and the
second floor for a school room. It seems to the commi-
ittee that with this addition and the present building
put in a condition to conform to the law in all respects
that there will be ample accommodation for the present
And we also reccommend that as much of the Carpenter
or other land adjoining be purchased by the town as is
necessary to make the surroundings acceptable.

We estimate and have the judgment also of Mr Earle that $3000. can be saved on the other plan or that this plan will cost including land and drainage $8000, The estimated cost of all expenditures recommended by the Committee are as follows North Grafton $9700, Farnumville $650, Fisherville $4250, Saundersville $850, High School $16,750 Grammar Grafton Centre $8000, Architect and Superintendence $1500, Furniture for High and Fisher $200, Total $42,900, It is a well known fact that all kinds of building materials are some what higher than when these estimates were made last fall. but the Committee think with good management by the building Committee this work can be done for $45,000

The Committee further recommend that a Committee of 5 be appointed by the Chair, to retire, propose and bring in a list of 6 names 2 from North Grafton, 2 from South part. 1 from the Centre. 1 from the farming districts who shall act as a building Committee. Also a list of 11 members 3 from N.G. 3 from S.G. 3 from Grafton Centre. 2 from the farming district

Respectfully submitted
John E McClellan
John R Murphy
Silas E. Stowe
John A Brown
P. Frank Kelley
Ellis Earnshaw
Amos G Getchell
Stearns L. Davenport.

A true copy of the report
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted, that the report be accepted, the committee discharged, and that the thank of the town be extended the committee.

Art 5 taken up. On motion of Silas E. Slowe. Voted: that the Town erect a new High School building, and purchase land therefor, and that the sum of eighteen thousand eight-hundred dollars of the money received from the sale of bonds as provided by Chapter 250 of the acts of 1899, be and the same hereby is appropriated to meet all necessary expenses therefor, Voted, in affirmative 111 in the negative 55; Silas E Slowe, Henry Mann, Tellers

Art 6 taken up. Voted to pass over the article.

Art 7 taken up. On motion of Amos B. Getchell, voted, that the Town erect a two-room school building at North Grafton, and purchase land therefor; and that the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated therefor said expense to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds as provided by Chapter 250 of the acts of 1899, voted in the affirmative 154 negative none.

Tellers Silas E Slowe and Henry Mann

Art 8 taken up. On motion of Stearns & Davenport voted: that the Town provide new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law, together with proper sanitaries, for the present school building in North Grafton, and that the sum of four thousand dollars be appropriated therefor, the expense thereof to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds as provided by Chapter 250 of the acts of 1899.

Voted in affirmative 117. No none. Silas E Slowe, Henry Mann, Tellers

Art 9 taken up. On motion of P. Frank Kelley voted: that the Town accepts the offer of the site for a school building at Fisherville made by the Fisher Manufacturing Company, and that a new two room school building be erected on the site offered by said company, and that the sum of five thousand and fifty dollars be appropriated therefor, the expense thereof to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds, as provided by Chapter 250 of the acts of 1899

Voted in the affirmative 138. in the negative none
Silas E Stowe and Henry Mann Tellers
Art 10th taken up. Voted to pass over the article.
Art 11th taken up. On motion of Rev John R Murphy Voted:
That the present brick grammar school at the centre be provided with proper heating and ventilating apparatus, and and suitable sanitaries, and that an addition thereto be erected, and that land be purchased additional to the present lot; and that the sum of nine thousand dollars be appropriated therefor, the expense thereof to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds, as provided by chapter 250. of the acts of 1899.
Voted in the affirmative 120 in the negative none,
Tellers Silas E. Stowe and Henry Mann.
Art 12th taken up. On motion of John A. Brown Voted:
That the Town provide new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law together with suitable sanitaries, for the school building at Saundersville, and that necessary repairs and changes be made therein: and that the sum of nine hundred fifty dollars be appropriated therefor, the expense thereof to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds, as provided by Chapter 250 of the acts of 1899
Voted in the affirmative 115 in the negative none
Tellers Silas E. Stowe and Henry Mann.
Art 13th taken up. Voted to pass over the article.
Art 14th taken up. On motion of Ellis Earnshaw Voted:
That the Town provide new heating and ventilating apparatus such as will conform to the requirements of the law for the Farnumsville School building so called; and that the sum of seven hundred dollars be appropriated therefor, the expense thereof to be defrayed by money received from the sale of bonds, as provided by chapter 250. of the Acts of 1899.
Voted in the affirmative 107 in the negative none
Tellers Silas E. Stowe and Henry Mann

Voted to take up article 16

Art 16th taken up. On Motion of Arthur A. Simmons Voted: That in accordance with the Statutes of 1899. Chapter 256, and for the purposes named and authorized by said statute. the Town Treasurer under the direction and approval of the Board of Selectmen, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to borrow the sum of forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000) and issue therefor ninety (90) bonds of the denomination of five hundred dollars ($500.00) each, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four per cent (4) per annum, and that said bonds shall be issued so as to mature as follows: One in each of the following years. 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 Three in each of the following years 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929,. Four in each of the following years: 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate and sell said bonds upon such terms as the Selectmen may direct, and that the sum received for the same to the amount of forty five thousand dollars ($45,000) is hereby appropriated for the purposes mentioned in the aforesaid Statute.

Voted in the affirmative 132. in the negative 12.

Tellers Silas E. Stowe and Henry Mann

Article 15th taken up. On Motion of Francis E Huckins Voted. That a building committee consisting of six members be appointed with full authority to carry out all matters authorized by articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, not otherwise delegated to the committee, to procure sites for school houses and purchase land therefor. said building committee being given authority among other matters, to supervise the construction, alteration and repair of any of the school buildings authorized by votes passed in accordance with any and all the warrants of this

town meeting, and said committee is further authorized in the event of the appropriation for any of the items provided for by vote passed in accordance with a warrant, not using up the entire amount of the appropriation, to expend any balance remaining for any of the purposes authorized by vote passed under any of the other warrants of this town meeting Voted in the affirmative 62. in the negative none
Tellers Silas E Stowe Edgar Mahn
On Motion of Mr A A Simmons it was voted that the Chair appoint a Committee of five to retire and select and bring into this meeting the names of six persons as members of the above committee of six.
On Motion of John E McClellan it was voted that a committee of eleven members, be appointed to determine the location of any and all the school houses authorized to be constructed by vote passed in accordance with any of the articles in this warrant, and to adopt all necessary measures to purchase and procure land for the accommodation thereof.
Voted that the committee already voted shall nominate this Committee
The Chair appointed for the committee to nominate
E E Howe Geo B Brooks Jos A Dodge Chas W Longley
P F Kelley
Art 12th taken up On Motion of Francis E Huckins Voted That the Town authorize the Building Committee appointed under article 15. to sell the land and building at Grafton Centre now occupied by the High School building and grounds, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized at the request of said committee, to execute and deliver proper deeds and instruments to convey and transfer the title to the same, on behalf of the Town, and that the money received therefrom shall be expended by the committee appointed under the authority of Article 15. for the purposes of erecting new school houses and purchasing or acquiring land therefor, and improving and enlarging school buildings now in use, and causing them to

conform to the requirements of law with respect to heating, ventilating and sanitary appliances.
Voted in the affirmative 47. in the Negative none
Tellers Silas E Stowe & Henry Mann.
Voted to take up Article 2.
Art 2 Taken up. On motion of Arthur A Simmons it was voted that the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor be authorized to sell the Kansas City property at such price as to them seems best;

Art 15th Taken up.
The Committee reported the following names to act as a Building Committee
Mr A A Simmons Mr S E Stowe
Mr A L Fisher Mr Thos Wilmarth
Mr A G Getchell Mr F E Huckins.
For Committee on Site
John E McClellan
Jos A Dodge
Clarence R Pratt
A L Fisher
Fred A Dodge
A G Kempton
Stearns L Davenport
George H Huckins
C M Wing
Edward A Estabrook
John A Sweetser.
Voted to accept the report of the committee
Voted to adopt the report of the committee

Voted that said committee have power to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation.
Voted that this meeting be dissolved
Attest
Edwin A Mower
Town Clerk

Grafton July 3rd 1899

Wm P. Spencer sworn July 3 by E E Howe J P. appointed Special Police at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held June 30 1899.

The resignation of Edward V. Hitching as constable received and accepted ~~as Constable~~.

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Grafton Aug 4-1899

James Dickson appointed Special Police by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting held July 31. 1899 and Sworn Aug 4. 1899 by Loulher K Seeland J P

Attest-

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.
of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton Massachusetts to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite and to place and maintain wires upon trees and upon poles and fixtures of any other person or corporation under arrangements made with the owner for such attachments in the following named streets and highways of said town. All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: Poles shall be of a length, size, and material and the wires thereon and wires upon trees and upon poles and fixtures of any person or corporation shall be at a height and placed in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen.

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Grafton Massachusetts.

Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

over

Following are the streets and highways above refered to
All streets and Highways now occupied by the poles
and wires of the New England Telephone & Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts.
This permit confirms the locations of all existing poles and
wires of said Company and authorizes such modifications
in such locations as may be required for rebuilding
existing pole lines and the extension of additional
wires upon supports now used. Said Company is also
authorized to allow the attachment to its poles of the wires
and fixtures of any other person or corporation - all such
attachments to be maintained in a manner satisfac-
tory to the Selectmen

Signature of Selectmen of Grafton
C H Elliot
E A Estabrook
G B Brooks
E E Hare

Dated Aug 7. 1899

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Aug 7. 1899
Perley Goddard appointed Inspector of Animals as
provided by Chapter 408 Acts of 1898. Sworn Aug 11th by
the Town Clerk

Attest Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Aug 31. 1899
Perley Goddard appointed Inspector of Slaughter Houses
and Slaughtered Animals by the Selectmen in meeting
held Aug 31. 1899. (Chapt 408 Acts of 1899)
Sworn Sept 6th by the Town Clerk

Attest Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Aug 21, 1899.

Warrant.

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty first day of August Current at 8. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;
Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
Art 2nd To see if the Town will vote to erect its new High School Building on Worcester Street and purchase land therefor, or act thereon or act anything in relation thereto.
Art 3rd To see if the Town will vote to discharge its Committee appointed at a special town meeting held June 30th 1899 and known as the Committee to procure sites for new school buildings in said Town of Grafton, or act anything in relation thereto
As petitioned for by E. H. Rugg and Eleven others.
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

Clarence H Elliot, George B Brooks, } Selectmen
Edward A Eddy, Ellsworth E Howe } of Grafton

Worcester ss. August 14. 1899.
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton. North Grafton Farnumsville. Fisherville. and Saunderesville on Monday the fourteenth day of August-current at 9-30 a. m. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the officers return thereon,

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton Aug 21. 1899.
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said town on monday Aug 21. 1899. at 8 o'clock p. m. and the following business was transacted,
The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. and the warrant and officers return thereon read by the Town Clerk.

Art-1st taken up. Leyman M. Rice chosen Moderator

On motion of Ivan Panin it was voted to take up the third Article

Art 3rd taken up. Motion made by Perley Goddard that we indefinately postpone the further consideration of Article 3,

Voted to take the vote by ballot and that the check lists used be the Moderator appointed as Tellers William E Donovan Elisha D. Holbrook. Joseph D. Goddard. James A. Gourd Charles K. Dispeau and they were duly sworn by the moderator. After the ballots cast had been duly sorted and counted announcement was made as

follows. Yes 175. No 186; and the Moderator declared the motion lost;

Motion by Albert Bradish that the meeting be dissolved motion declared lost.

Motion by William Johnston Jr. that the committee known as the Committee on Sites for new School building be discharged. motion lost;

Voted that the third article be laid on the table.

Art. 2nd taken up.

Motion by Francis E Huckins. that the town erect its new High School building on Worcester Street;

Motion by Francis E Huckins that the vote be by ballot and the check list used; The motion was declared carried by the moderator, but was immediately doubted, and a motion at once made to adjourn until Monday. Aug. 28. 1899 at 8 o'clock P. M. and declared carried.

Attest Edwin A. Hoyt
Town Clerk

Grafton Aug 28. 1899.

Pursuant to adjournment from Aug 21. 99 the legal voters of the town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said town Aug 28. 99 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Leyman M. Rice, Moderator in the chair.

Records of the last meeting read and approved.

Art 2nd The motion before the meeting at the time of adjournment Aug 21st was "That the vote be by ballot and the check list used" was put to vote and declared carried The motion made by Francis E Huckins. "That the town erect its new High School building on Worcester Street was stated by the moderator, when Evan Panzer raised the point of order. That until the resolution (annexed) is rescinded by a vote of the town at a town meeting legally called for that purpose no other resolution covering the same ground can be legally entertained

That a Committee consisting of eleven members be appointed to determin the location of any & all the School houses authorized to be constructed by vote passed in accordance with any of the articles in this warrant & to adopt all necessary measures to purchase & procure land for the accommodation thereof. (Passed) June 30th 1899. & Committee appointed accordingly.
The Moderator ruled that the point was not well taken
An opinion of Arthur P. Rugg Esq was read by the moderator
Motion to proceed to ballot. carried ———
The vote was taken by ballot the check list being used,
The Tellers sworn at the meeting Aug 21st acting, after due notice by the moderator the polls were closed. the ballots cast were counted and the result declared as follows
Yes 175. No 157. and the motion declared carried. —
Motion of Francis E Huckins that the site committee be instructed to locate the New High School building on Worcester Street. — Amendment by Perley Goddard that the building be located on the site of the present High School building. —
Motion made that the meeting adjourn without date motion lost 55. voting yes 109. No. ———
Amendment to the Amendment by Dr F. A. Jewett that the matter be left to the Site Committee to locate the site on the west side of Worcester Street between the block of Geo K Nichols and the Gambrel roofed house. a Standing vote taken Elisha D Holbrook and Chas K Dupeau as tellers, and the Amendment to the Amendment declared lost 9 voting yes 113 no. ———
The Amendment of Perley Goddard declared carried and doubted by George K Nichols who demanded that a poll be taken. which was done. 25 voting yes 90 no and the amendment declared lost. ———
Amendment by John E McClellan that the committee report back to the town, for its approval. amendment carried, ——— The original motion as amended was declared carried which is as follows.

That the Site committee be instructed to locate the New High School building on Worcester Street; the committee to report back to the Town for its approval.

Motion to adjourn, amendment that we adjourn until two weeks from tonight at 8 o'clock P. M. Amendment carried.

Attest
Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 11, 1899

Pursuant to adjournment from Aug 28. 99 the legal voters met in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P.m. Sept 11. 99. Seyman M. Rice moderator in the chair.

Records of the last meeting read and approved.

Art 2nd Clarence R Pratt Secretary of the Site Committee made the following report.

"Report of the Site Committee at Special Town Meeting Sept 11th 1899.

As Secretary of your committee I am asked to make the following report. At the outset I would say your committee were in session as late as six (6) P.M. of this day, which fact precludes any extended report, & your committee simply request me to report the doings of the committee in its last two meetings together with a statement of prices obtained for land for your High School Site on Worcester St.

Meeting of Site Committee Sept 9th 1899

Present J E McClellan, A L Fisher J A Dodge F A Dodge E A Estabrook, C M Wing S L Davenport Geo H Huckins J A Sweetser, C L Pratt,

Moved by S L Davenport that the Town procure an acre on the Southerly end of the Kirby lot so called. Motion lost 5 to 4 those voting in the negative were J A Dodge J A Sweetser A L Fisher F A Dodge E A Estabrook (5). Voting

in the affirmative S. L. Davenport. Geo H Huckins
C. M. Wing + C. R Pratt. (4)
Moved by S. L. Davenport That we recommend the town to procure the whole of the Kirby lot so called Motion lost - 5 to 3. Moved by J. A. Sweetser. That the Daniels lot be recommended. Motion lost - 3 to 2.
Moved by C. M. Wing That the Wheeler lot through to the Downingville St be recommended Motion lost - 3 to 2
Voted when we adjourn that we adjourn to Monday 11 inst at 3,30 P.M.
Moved by C. M. Wing That we take an informal ballot for choice of lots on Worcester St - carried. Vote was Daniels lot 3. Wheeler lot 2. Old Site - 2. Old site with Taft property 1. Kirby lot 1. Kirby lot South acre 1
Voted that we now adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting of Site Committee Sept 11. '99
Present same as at last meeting.
Records of last meeting read and approved
Moved by Mr C. M. Wing. That we take an informal ballot for High School Site on Worcester Street - carried
Whole number of votes 10. Daniels lot (3) Old site - (3)
Wheeler lot (2). Kirby South acre (1) Vinton + Allen land (1)
Moved by A. L. Fisher That we recommend the town to postpone action on locating the New High School building until the March meeting. carried 6 to 4
Voted to adjourn.
Prices obtained for land is as follows

Kirby lot - 450' x 236' more or less		$3500,
Knights " 250 x 200 " " "		1800,
Daniels "		2800,
Wheeler " 163 x 182 " " "		1483,
" " through to Downingville St - about		2000,
" " " " "	and about - 1/2 of the lower lot in addition	2500,

all of which is respectfully submitted

Clarence R Pratt Sec
Site Committee

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A true copy of the report -
Attest - Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

"Motion by Rev J R Murphy. "That the report of the Site Committee for the New High School be rejected with the exception of the approval the Kirby lot." Motion declared carried. and doubted. —— On Motion of Perley Goddard it was voted that the vote be taken by ballot and the check list used. —— The ballot was taken as voted, and 193 voted in the affirmative and 145 in the negative, The motion declared carried.

Motion by Sloane L. Davenport. That the Town purchase the Kirby lot so called on the westerly side of Worcester St. at a sum not to exceed $3500, That the Town Treas. be authorized and instructed to procure a good and sufficient deed of the same and pay for the same out of the money received from the sale of bonds as provided for under chapter 250 of the Acts of 1899 ——

On Motion of Clarence R Pratt voted to proceed to ballot, and check list used.

The ballot was taken and declared carried 189 voting Yes 122 No. ——

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton, Massachusetts, to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the following named streets and highways of said town. All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: Poles shall be of a length, size and material and the wires thereon shall be at a height and placed in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen.

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Grafton, Massachusetts,

Edwin A Nove Town Clerk

Following are the streets and highways above referred to
On the highway between Worcester St. at Wheeler Bridge and Hydranger (Hydrenger Ave.) between above highway and the street leading to H. W. Smith's and the Country Club Street leading to the Country Club from Hydranger Ave to the residence of H W. Smith

Clarence H Elliot
Signatures of Selectmen Thomas Wilmarth
Town of Grafton Edward A Estabrook
George B Brooks
Ellsworth E Howe

Date Nov 2. 1899

Received Nov 2. 1899 at 9 o'clock and 30 minutes PM.
Attest
Edwin A Nove
Town Clerk

Gift of Fountain

Fisherville Mass Nov. 2, 1899

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton Mass

Gentlemen:

This is to inform your Honorable Board that the Drinking Fountain, for the erection of which in Fisherville, permission was given by you, has been completed and I would take this means of formally presenting the same, through you, to the town of Grafton Mass for the use of the public.

If accepted by the Town, it will then become the property of the Town and supposed to receive due care and the necessary repairs at your hands and at the hands of your successors. This gift is made in loving memory of those whose parental counsel and example is ever fresh in mind and in the name of Him who taught "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" and also that "A righteous man regards the life of his beast."

I trust that the future may prove that the purpose for which the Fountain is erected has been realized and that its refreshing waters may be ever a source of comfort and cheer to all who partake, both man and beast.

Very Respectfully yours
Ellen Nile Fisher

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Nov 2, 1899

Voted:- That we the Selectmen, acting for the Town of Grafton Mass do hereby accept the gift of a Drinking Fountain erected by Mrs A. E. Fisher in the Street of the village of Fisherville as profered in a communication from her to this Board under date of Nov 2, 1899

Resolved:- That whereas it has pleased one of

our citizens,- Mrs A. L. Fisher of Fisherville to cause to be erected on one of our streets in the village of Fisherville, a Drinking Fountain, with conveniences for both man and beast; that we as Selectmen acting for the Town do hereby present to the giver the sincere thanks of the citizens of the Town for this most beautiful and generous gift and that this resolution be placed on the records of the Town and a copy sent to the giver, also to the daily papers for publication.

Clarence H Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Edward A Estabrook
George B Brooks
Ellsworth E Moore
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

State Election Nov 7. 1899

Town Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney-General of this Commonwealth; also a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and a Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and for Two Representatives to the

next General Court for the Ninth Worcester Representative District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester. The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above offices at 7-30 o'clock. a m and may be closed at 1. p m. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and ninety-nine

Clarence M Elliot
Thomas Wilmarth
Edward A. Estabrook
George B. Brooks
Ellsworth E. Howe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. October 24th 1899
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Monday the twenty-third day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon
Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Nov. 7. 1899.

In pursuance to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Election and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, Nov 7. 1899. at 7. o'clock A.M. and were called to order by Clarence H Elliot Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk. The Cards of instruction and specimen ballots having been posted as the law direct; a package marked to contain Ten hundred and fifty official ballots was delivered to Clarence H. Elliot, presiding officer, and his receipt therefor given to the Town Clerk. ———

Clarence N. Putnam ballot clerk Henry E Brooks William E Donovan Jr Henry Prouty Harry E Howe James A. Young and William H Miles. Tellers were sworn by the Town Clerk. The seals on the package of ballots were then publicly broken, and the blocks of ballots given to the ballot clerks Clarence N Putnam and Thomas Wilmarth. ———

The ballot-box required by law to be used in elections, was then opened in public meeting and shown to be empty. the Register having been set at 0000 the box was then locked and the Keys thereof given to William A. Getchell Constable in charge at the polls. The polls were declared open at 7.30 o clock A. M. ———

Voted to close the polls at 4 o'clock p m. ———

During the voting, the ballot-box, by the unanimous consent of the Select-men and Town Clerk was opened for the purpose of taking out ballots and sorting and counting the same. as follows at 9-30 o clock when the box registered 138. and 126 ballots taken out when it registered 207. and 74 ballots taken out. Then when it registered 339. and 100 ballots taken out again when it registered 357 and 50 ballots taken out; and when it registered 401 and 50 ballots taken out. P.M.

Due notice having been given. the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

At the close of the polls the register stood at 409. the ballots remaining in the box were then taken out thus being 9. making a total of Four hundred and nine ballots. at each time the ballots were taken out of the ballot-box. they were carefully counted.

The names on the lists of voters both at the polls and at the

table of the ballot-clerks were audibly counted and found to be as follows: list-at-the polls four hundred nine. at-the ballot-clerks table four hundred nine
The tellers having canvassed the votes given in declaration thereof was made in open meeting as follows:

For Governor.

Albert B. Coats of Beverly had thirteen. (13)
W. Murry Crane of Dalton had two hundred sixty (260)
Robert Treat-Paine Jr. of Boston had ninety one (91)
George R Peare of Lynn had twenty two (22)
Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport-had three (3)
Blanks twenty (20)

For Lieutenant-Governor.

John De. Bates of Boston had two hundred fifty seven (257)
John H. Mack of North Adams had ninety seven (97)
James H. Roberts of Cambridge had eleven (11)
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton had three (3)
James F. Stevens of Boston had nineteen (19)
Blank twenty two (22)

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill had six (6)
John B Lewis Jr of Reading had sixteen (16)
Henry D Lloyd of Boston had seventy (70)
Frank McDonald of Stoneham had twenty-two (22)
William M. Olin of Boston had two hundred sixty (260)
Blank thirty five (35)

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield had two hundred sixty three (263)
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence had seventy eight- (78)
Herbert-B Griffin of Winthrop had thirteen (13)
Fredrick A Nagler of Springfield had twenty-two (22)
Charles W. White of Winchester had three (3)
Blank. thirty (30)

For Auditor

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had seventy five (75)
Franklin Albin Foreelrom of Worcester twenty two (22)
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had two hundred fifty seven (257)

Angus McDonald of Boston had five (5)
Franklin A Palmer of Stockbridge fourteen (14)
Blank twenty six (26)

For Attorney General

Addison W. Barr of Worcester had eight (8)
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had two hundred fifty nine (259)
John H Morrison of Lowell had seventy three (73)
Sidney Perley of Salem had thirteen (13)
Walter P. J Skahan of New Bedford had nineteen (19)
Blank thirty seven (37)

For Councillor Seventh District

Martin V. B. Jefferson of Worcester had two hundred seventy one (271)
Ransom C Taylor of Worcester ninety two (92)
Blank forty six (46)

For Senator 5th Worcester District

Edward N. Jenckes of Douglas had one hundred twelve (112)
John E McClellan of Grafton had two hundred sixty six (266)
Blank thirty one (31)

Representative in General Court

9th Worcester District

Samuel Perry Craves of Blackstone had two hundred thirty two (232)
William Hickey of Shrewsbury had one hundred thirty one (131)
Walter C Knowlton of Shrewsbury had two hundred thirty five (235)
George E. Taylor of Blackstone had eighty nine (89)
Blank one hundred thirty one (131)
whole number of ballots - eight hundred eighteen.

For County Commissioner

Nicholas Mooney of Worcester had ninety two (92)
Henry G Taft of Uxbridge had two hundred sixty seven (267)
Blank fifty (50)

The returns were then filled out signed by the Selectmen and countersigned by the Town Clerk and sealed in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth The ballots cast and the list of voters used at the Polls

and by the Ballot-Clerk, were sealed up and endorsed by the Selectmen and Election officers, and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk in conformity with the laws in such case made and provided.
Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A. Hove Town Clerk

Town Clerks Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, ss. Northbridge Nov 17. 1899.

In compliance with Section 195 of Chapter 417 of the acts of 1893 we, the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the Ninth-Worcester Representative District, this day met at Chappel Hall in said Northbridge canvassed the return of votes in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 7th day of November, A.D. 1899, and was shown by the following tabular statement.

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Samuel Perry Crane of Blackstone had	373	232	277	110	251	twelve hundred forty three
William Hickey of Shrewsbury "	349	131	100	49	140	seven hundred sixty nine
Walter L Knowlton of Shrewsbury "	260	235	262	132	226	eleven hundred fifteen
George E Taylor of Blackstone "	469	89	86	25	130	seven hundred ninety five
Blanks	217	131	127	86	99	six hundred sixty
	1668	818	852	402	844	4585

Samuel Verry Crane of Blackstone and Walter C Knowlton of Shrewsbury having received the largest number of votes were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In witness whereof, we the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 15th day of November, A.D. 1899

Attest

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A Core " " Grafton
Joseph A Johnston Northbridge
George E Stone Shrewsbury
Edward Parker Uxbridge

A true copy
Attest Edwin A Core
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Dec 7, 1899

Warrant

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Thursday the seventh day of December next at 8 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2 To hear a Statement from the Building Committee elected at the Town Meeting held June 30th 1899, informing the Town, 1st as to contracts and expenditures at

Saundersville, Farnumsville, Fisherville, North Grafton, and the Grammar School Building at Grafton Centre, and 2nd as to estimated cost of proposed High School Building to be erected upon the Kirby Lot so called.

Art 3 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the purpose of erecting a High School Building upon said Kirby Lot, and draining and grading the land belonging to same, the sum received by the Town as premium on the issue of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000) in bonds, to wit: Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2500,) and to authorize the Building Committee, elected at the Town Meeting held June 30, 1899, to expend said sum in addition to any sums previously appropriated for said purpose.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Building Committee, elected at the Town Meeting held June 30, 1899, to expend for the purpose of erecting a High School Building upon the Kirby Lot, and draining and grading the land belonging to same, a sum not to exceed the sum of Thirty-Six Hundred Dollars ($3600) in addition to any sum previously appropriated for said purpose and in addition to any sum voted to be expended under article 3 of this warrant; said sum to be raised and appropriated and to be borrowed by the treasurer under direction of the Selectmen as may be needed and to be assessed in the taxes for 1900 or to be borrowed upon notes of the town issued for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, and payment thereof to be provided by annual taxation, as provided in the Statute Laws of Massachusetts

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Building Committee elected at the town meeting, held June 30, 1899, to sell any part or all of such portion of said Kirby Lot as may remain after reserving for High School purposes a tract extending 263 feet northerly on Worcester Street from the Southern boundery line of said lot, and running westerly to the western boundary line

of said lot: and to authorize the town treasurer to give sufficient deed or deeds conveying the same upon the request of said Building Committee: the proceeds of such sale or sales to be paid into the town treasury and not to be at the disposal of the Building Committee

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Building Committee elected at the town meeting held June 30th 1899 to sell such portion of the Smith Lot so called at North Grafton, recently purchased for School purposes, as said Building Committee may determin as not needed for schol purposes: and to authorize the town treasurer to give sufficient deed or deeds conveying the same upon the request of said Building Committee: the proceeds of such sale or sales to be paid into the town treasury and not to be at the disposal of the Buildng Committee.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Building Committee elected at the town meeting held on June 30th 1899. to apply $300.00 of the amount appropriated by vote of the town in said meeting for building the High School and purchasing land therefor, to improvements at the sundry Grammar and Primary Schools Buildings situated in the several villages of the town, said sum of $300.00 to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of $45.000,00 in Bonds authorized by said town meeting of June 30th 1899

At petitioned for by the Building Committee

A. A Simmons
A. G. Getchell
S. L. Davenport
A. L. Fisher
S. E. Stone
E. E Howe

Article 8. To see if the town will instruct the Treasurer to pay for the so called Carpenter land on North Street a sum not to exceed $600.00 or in accordance with action of the Site Committee elected June 30th 1899

said sum to be taken from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds issued for school purposes in pursuance of vote of the Town on said June 30th '99. The Building Committee and School Committee to be authorized to sell so much of the said Carpenter land as in their judgment may not be needed for the use of the Grammar and Primary Schools. and the Town Treasurer to be authorized at request of said committees to execute sufficient deed or deeds conveying said premises. the proceeds of such sale if any to be paid into the Town Treasury and not to be at the disposal of said Building Committee and School Committee

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Treasurer to pay for the Carpenter Lot so called, on North Street the sum of $1600. a upon presentation of satisfactory deed or deeds conveying said land to the Town. said land to be used for enlarging and improving the Grammar School lot now on said Street; the said sum of Sixteen Hundred Dollars ($1600.00) to be raised and appropriated and to be borrowed by the Treasurer under direction of the Selectmen as may be needed to be assessed in the taxes of 1900. or to be borrowed upon notes of the town issued for a period not to exceed ten years, and payment thereof to be provided by annual taxation, as provided in the Statute Law of Massachusetts The Building Committee and School Committee to be authorized to sell so much of said Carpenter Lot as in their judgment may not be needed for the Grammar and Primary Schools. and the Town Treasurer to be authorized at request of said committees to execute sufficient deed or deeds conveying said premises. the proceeds of such sales if any. to be paid into the Town Treasury and not to be at the disposal of said Building Committee and School Committee

As petitioned for by John E McClellan and eleven others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office

in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine

Clarence H Elliot
Edward A Estabrook
George B Brooks
Ellsworth E Hore
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. November 28th 1899

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Tuesday the twenty-eighth day of November current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carey
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and the return thereon
Attest
Edwin A Hore
Town Clerk

Grafton Dec 7. 1899

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton Thursday Dec 7. 1899. at 8 o'clock P.M.
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the Warrant and the officers return thereon.
Art 1st made choice of Arthur A Simmons for Moderator

who took the Chair after the meeting had voted to allow him to call some one to the chair while he as Chairman of the Building Committee made the statement of said committee as specified in Article 2.

Art. 2. taken up. Motion by John E McClellan that we pass over art-2. and take up art 8. motion lost.

The Moderator called Mr Geo K Nichols to the chair while he (Mr A A Simmons) presented to the meeting a statement from the Building Committee. of which the following is a copy. of the same, furnished in print, for distribution

Memorandum

By

The Building Committee of the Town of Grafton,

December 7. 1899.

	Appropriation June 30. 1899	Contracts and Expenditures
School Building		
North St; Centre	$9,000,00	8,379.46
North Grafton. Old	4000.00	2,845.76
North Grafton. New	6,500,00	7525.10 including land 1,500
Fisherville	5,050,00	6,041.49
Saundersville	950,00	825.75
Farnumsville	700,00	1100,00
	$26200,00	26717.56
From sale old buildings	50,00	
From anticipated sale of old high school ($1500)	467.56	
	26,717.56	

	Appropriation June 30. 1899	Estimated cost— No contracts made or Money expended
High School	$18,800.00	
From anticipated sale of old high school $4,500	1000,00	Building of brick and stone 17,992,00
	19,800,00	Cellar, grading and
Lesser amount paid for Kirby Lot-	3500,00	terracing 1,360,00
	16,300,00	Heating and ventilating by Steam 2,600,00
Reserve less than estimated cost	6,380,00	Sanitaries and water fixture 728,00
	$22,680,00	22,680,00

True copy
Attest- Edwin A Leach
Town Clerk

A. A Simmons
S E Slocum
A L Fisher

A G Getchell
E E Moore
S L Davenport

Building Committee

After remarks by Mr Simmons a motion was made by Mr Samuel H Knowlton that the meeting be dissolved the motion was put to vote and the Moderator declared that the vote seemed to be in the affermative. the vote was doubted and a standing vote taken. Clarence R Pratt and Henry Mann were appointed Tellers. the result of the vote was Yes 84. No 43. and the moton declared carried and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company.

To the Honorable Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which petitions:

That, the said Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company may be granted by your Honorable body the right and authority to forthwith erect, operate and maintain in the said Town of Grafton, and upon the following streets and highways of said town, to wit; Westborough Road from Westborough town line to Waterville street; Waterville Street from Westborough Road to Shrewsbury Street; Shrewsbury Street to unnamed road beginning at Baptist Church on Shrewsbury Street and running to Worcester Street: (the State Road); Worcester Street (the State Road) from said unnamed road to the Millbury town line, such poles with wires thereon, as may be necessary to enable your petitioner to carry on in said streets and in the said Town of Grafton its business. to wit:- the transmission of intelligence by electricity, by telephone and telegraph, with full

power to dig up and open the ground in said streets and highways so far as it may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of your petitioner for which this petition is brought.
Provided that this petition is brought subject to law and the location of said poles to be under the duly authorized authority of the said Town

As in duty bound will ever pray.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company
By W. F. Poole Agent.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting upon the above petition of the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, this day presented and filed with the said Board, petitioning for the right to erect, operate and maintain a line of poles with wires thereon upon and along certain streets and highways in the said Town of Grafton, now direct that the following writing of consent be directed to the Petitioner, and hereby grants to the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns the right to erect, construct, operate and maintain its line of Telephone and Telegraph, including the necessary poles, wires, fixtures, etc. upon and along the following highways of said town to wit; Westborough Road from Westborough town line to Waterville Street; Waterville Street from Westborough Road to Shrewsbury Street, Shrewsbury Street to unnamed road beginning at Baptist Church on Shrewsbury Street and running to Worcester Street (the State Road); Worcester Street (the State Road) from said unnamed road to the Millbury town line upon the following specifications and conditions, to wit:- That all poles shall be reasonably straight, of good sound cedar or chestnut, so located that the public use of the highway shall not be interfered with, a flow of water in ditches or drains interrupted, or

entrance or gateways obstructed thereby.
That wherever curb lines are established the poles shall be set immediately inside thereof, and at all points located under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.
That any pole erected hereunder shall be re-located by said Board for reasonable cause, upon written request of the said Board, after opportunity is given said Company to be heard.
That no wire shall strung on said poles at a height less than sixteen feet from the ground; that the wires shall be attached to the poles upon strong and durable supports and insulated at all points of attachment.
That space for the fire alarm and police telegraph wires of the Town shall be provided free of charge on all poles erected hereunder.

Clarence H Elliot
Edward A Estabrook
George B Brooks
Ellsworth E Hoare
} Selectmen of Grafton

Granted Jany 11, 1900. Recorded Jan 13. 1900.
A true copy
Attest: Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting February 19. 1900

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the nineteenth day of February current at 8 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator, to preside in said meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the town will vote to sell any part of the Kirby Lot so called purchased by the town as a site for the proposed High School Building.

Art 3rd To see if the town will vote to appropriate the Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2500.) the sum realized as a premium on the sale of the Forty five thousand Dollars ($45.000.) in bonds, said Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2.500.) to be added to the sum already appropriated for the construction of the new High School Building

Art 4th To see if the town will vote to instruct the Building Committee elected June 30th 1899 to immediately begin the construction of the new High School Building using the funds already at said Committee disposal together with the Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2500.) specified by Art third of this warrant.

As petitioned for by the School Committee

F M McGarry
D. W. Norcross
W. B Maxwell.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post-offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

Clarence H Elliot
George B Brinks
Ellsworth E Moore
Edward A Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS February 12. 1900

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton

North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderson on Saturday the tenth day of February current-being seven days at least-before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton Feby 19. 1900.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the nineteenth day of February 1900 at 8 o'clock P.M. The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. David L. Fiske chosen Moderator.

On motion of Hon Geo K Nichols it was voted, That-to pass over Art 2. and take up Articles 3 and 4.

Art 3 and 4 taken up. Hon Geo K Nichols made the following motion, That, The Building Committee elected June 30, 1899 be authorized and instructed to proceed to the construction of the new High School building as soon as the conditions of the season will admit-and that said building shall be constructed of wood with-ashlar basement and that-said committee be authorized to use any and all funds already at said committee disposal and in addition to which the two thousand five hundred dollars realized as a premium on the sale of the forty five thousand dollars in Bonds, shall be and is hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of said committee.

Hon John E McClellan offered the following amendment-That-the words, "and that-said building shall be

constructed of wood with ashlar basement" be stricken out and the words "and no more" be added at the end of motion.
During the discussion a motion was made by Edwin P. Goddard that we adjourn, and declared lost;
After quite a lengthy discussion Hon John E McClellan made a motion to adjourn until Monday March 12. 1900 at 8. o'clock p.m. and declared carried 46 voting yes 17. No.

Meeting adjourned until Monday March 12. 1900. at 8. o'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 5, 1900.

Warrant.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at 7. o'clock a. m., to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, One Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove

Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year, and one member of the Common Committee for two years to fill a vacancy, and one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for one year to fill a vacancy, and to vote "Yes" or "No" on the Question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The votes for all of the above officers will be received on one ballot-ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 1 o'clock P. M, or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committee and act thereon.

Art 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon,

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct; and determin when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon,

Art 8th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon,

Art 9th To determin where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.
Art. 10th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.
Art. 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector, may use.
Art 12th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.
Art. 13th To see if the Town will authorize the sale of a tract of woodland belonging to the Town farm or act thereon.
Art 14th To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Treasurer to pay for the Carpenter Lot, so called on North Street, the sum of ($1600,00) sixteen hundred dollars and accrued interest from September 1st 1899 upon presentation of satisfactory deed or deeds conveying said land to the Town, said land to be used for enlarging and improving the Grammar school lot now on said street, the said sum of Sixteen hundred dollars ($1600.00) and interest from Sept 1st 1899 to be raised and appropriated and to be borrowed by the Treasurer under direction of the Selectmen as may be needed and to be assessed in the Taxes for 1900. or to be borrowed upon notes of the Town issued for a period not to exceed ten years and payment therefor to be provided by annual taxation, as provided in the Statute Laws of Massachusetts.
The School Committee to be authorized to sell so much of said Carpenter Lot as in their judgement may not be needed for the use of the Grammar and Primary Schools and the Town Treasurer be authorized at request of said Committee to execute sufficient deed or deeds conveying said premises, the proceeds of such sales if any, to be paid into the Town Treasury and not to be at the disposal of said School Committee
Art 15th To see if the Town will vote to contract with the Grafton

Electric Light Co. to construct three or more lights on the Common in North Grafton, and appropriate money for the same or act anything in relation thereto,

Art 16th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred,

Clarence E. Elliot
Edward A. Estabrook
George B. Brooks,
Ellsworth E. Moore
Thomas Wilmarth,
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. February 23. 1900

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the 23rd day of February current - being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and the officers return

Attest -
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 5. 1900

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday March 5. 1900 at 7 o'clock a. m. The meeting was called to order and the warrant and officers return read by the Town Clerk Charles M Batchelder appointed Teller to assist in checking the names in the election of Moderator

Art 1st Seyman M. Rice elected Moderator receiving 8 votes. Clarence Sumner and Clarence H. Putnam having been appointed Ballot-Clerks by the Selectmen were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, and to them was given the package of official ballots, and their receipt taken therefor.

The cards of instruction and Specimen ballots having been posted according to law, the ballot-box was examined and publicly shown to be empty, it was then closed locked and the Keys given to Wm. A. Getchell Constable in charge at the polls. the register being set at 0000

Clarence R. Pratt Francis E. Cuckin Harry E. Moore Charles M. Batchelder William E. Donovan James W. Fanning and Walter S Carpenter having been appointed by the Selectmen as Tellers were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Constables Wm. A Getchell and James Carney were placed at the polls and at the Table of the ballot-clerks respectively.

Voted, That the polls be closed at 4 o'clock p.m. and immediately after the votes for two officers is declared and have been sealed, this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 10. 1900 at 1-30 o'clock time P.M. and that no other business be taken up until that

Art 2nd Polls declared open at 7-30 o'clock P.M. at 9-10 o'clock a.m. the ballot-box was opened by the unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk to remove ballots for the purpose of counting at which time one hundred and fifty ballots was taken out, public attention was called to the fact that the Register upon the box did not work correctly as it registered 196 being 46 more than ballots cast. At 1-30 o'clock it was again opened and 381. ballots

taken out
Alden M. Bigelow Walter E Smith - Maurice E Kelley and James J. Reilly were appointed as adetitional ballot-clerks by the Moderator and duly sworn by him
After due notice the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P.M. and the ballots remaining in the box were taken out there being 101. making a total of five hundred and thirty-two ballots cast - at each time the ballots were taken out they were counted by the Moderator in the manner prescribed by law,
The names checked at the polls and at the table of the ballot-clerk were audibly counted and there were six hundred thirty two names checked upon each list-
The ballots having been counted public declaration was made in open meeting as follows.

For Town Clerk.

Whole number of ballots 632
Edwin A Hoare had four hundred thirty six (436)
Blank one hundred ninety six (196)
Edwin A Hoare declared elected and immediately sworn by the moderator

For Selectmen

Whole number of ballots 3160
George B. Brooks had three hundred twenty one (321)
Henry E. Brooks " two hundred fifty five (255)
J. Frank Donahue .. four hundred nine (409)
Edward A. Estabrook four hundred twenty one (421)
George H. Huckins .. three hundred ninety two (392)
William John Maxwell. three hundred seventy five (375)
Thomas Wilmarth .. two hundred seventy nine (279)
Franklin Worcester .. one (1)
Blank seven hundred eight (708)
And George B Brooks J. Frank Donahue George H. Huckins Edward A. Estabrook William John Maxwell were declared elected, And were duly sworn by the Town Clerk March 6. 1900,

For Treasurer

Arthur A. Simmons had four hundred forty seven (447)
Blank one hundred eighty five (185)
Arthur A Simmons declared elected. Sworn March 6. 1900 by the Town Clerk

For Assessor for 3 years.

Perly Goddard had two hundred forty seven (247)
Frank E Vinton " two hundred eighty six (286)
Blank ninety nine (99)
Frank E. Vinton declared elected. Sworn March 2. 1900 by the Town Clerk,

For Tax Collector

Edwin A Howe had four hundred ninety-seven (497)
Owen Trainor " one (1)
Blank one hundred thirty four (134)
Edwin A Howe declared elected, and sworn by the Moderator

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

Henry Le Banister had four hundred thirty eight (438)
John A. Sweetser " one (1)
Blank one hundred ninety three (193)
Henry Le Banister declared elected
Sworn March 2. 1900 by the Town Clerk

For School Committee for 3 years

Francis M. McGarry had three hundred ninety three (393)
Blank two hundred thirty nine (239)
Francis M. McGarry declared elected

For Town House Committee for 3 years

Joseph E. Norcross had four hundred eight (408)
Blank two hundred twenty four (224)
Joseph E Norcross declared elected

For Common Committee for 3 years

D. Webster Norcross had four hundred ten (410)
F Putnam " one (1)
Blank two hundred twenty one (221)
D. Webster Norcross declared elected, Accepted Mar 8. 1900

For Common Committee for 2 years (Vacancy)

Alfred J Kirby had two hundred eleven (211)
John E Sheridan " two hundred thirty five (235)
Blank one hundred eighty six 186
John E Sheridan declared elected, Accepted Mar 2 1900

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

Harrington L. Nichols had three hundred sixty-six (366)
G M Bigelow one (1)
Blank two hundred sixty-five (265)
Harrington L. Nichols declared elected.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Henry E. Brooks had three hundred twenty-four (324)
Aaron Elliot " one hundred thirty seven (137)
Blank one hundred seventy-one. (171)
Henry E Brooks declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

Albert L. Fisher had three hundred eighty-three (383)
Blank two hundred forty nine (249)
Albert L. Fisher declared elected

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 1 year (Vacancy)

Lorin L. Davis had one hundred eighty-six (186)
Ellis Earnshaw " two hundred one (201)
Blank. two hundred forty five (245)
Ellis Earnshaw declared elected,

For Auditors

Whole number of ballots 1896
Edward Barney had two hundred six. (206)
Moses G Beauregard " three hundred eight- (308)
Joseph D. Goddard " three hundred sixty-three (363)
James A. Young " three hundred nineteen (319)
Blank seven hundred
And Moses G Beauregard Joseph D. Goddard and James A. Young declared elected
Joseph D Goddard Sworn March 7, 1900 Moses G Beauregard sworn March 7, 1900 by Town Clerk
by Town Clerk James A Young Sworn March 12, 1900 by Town Clerk

For Constables

Whole number of ballots 50.56
James Carney had four hundred fifty-nine (459)
George A. Dearborn " three hundred sixty-six (366)
Amos G. Getchell " four hundred thirty-one (431)
William A. Getchell " four hundred twenty-one (421)
James W. Gould " three hundred twenty-eight (328)
James Harding " three hundred forty five (345)

William A Kingsley had one hundred sixty nine (169)
James C Reeby " one hundred seventy nine (179)
Addington A Smith " three hundred eighteen (318)
William P. Spencer " three hundred ten (310)
Blank seventeen hundred thirty- (1730)

And James Carney, sworn by the moderator in open town meeting
George A Dearborn. Sworn by the moderator in open town meeting
Amos L Getchell Sworn by the Town Clerk Mar 6. 1900
William A. Getchell Sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting
James W. Gould Sworn by Ellsworth E Howe Justice of the Peace Mar 7/1900
James Harding Sworn by Ellsworth E Howe justice of the Peace Mar 7/1900
Addington A Smith sworn by Oliver M Wing Justice of the Peace Mar 8/1900
William P Spencer Sworn by Town Clerk March 7. 1900
declared elected

Licenses

Yes three hundred ten (310)
No two hundred fifty-two (252)
Blank seventy (70)

The ballots cast and the check lists used were sealed up in seperate packages endorsed by the election officers and delivered to the Town Clerk as the law direct

Meeting adjourned to Saturday March 10. 1900 at 1-30 o'clock P. M.

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 10. 1900

Pursuant to adjournment from March 5. 1900 the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town at 1-30 o'clock P.M. Leyman M. Rice Moderator in the Chair

Voted, that we dispence with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 2. taken up. D. Webster Norcross, David L. Fiske and

Amos G Getchell were elected Fence viewers by acclamation
D Webster Norcross and Amos G Getchell were sworn by the
Moderator. David L Fiske sworn by Town Clerk March 22. 1900
Charles W. Aldrich elected Field driver Tree Warden D Webster Norcross
On motion of Francis E Huckins, voted that the Chairman of the
Board of Selectmen be appointed to bring suit and to defend
any suit that may be brought against the Town. ——
Art 3 taken up. Voted to accept the following reports as
printed. each report acted upon separate. Town Clerk, Selectmen
Treasurer, Lawson Fund, Collector of Taxes, Town House
Committee, Supt of Streets, Assessors, Overseers
of the Poor, Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, Trustees of Pine
Grove Cemetery, Trustees of Fairview Cemetery, Masters
of A B R Sprague Post 24. G.A.R. Fire Department, Common
Committee, Free Public Library, School Committee
Inspector of Animals and Provision, Printed copies of all the Reports
on file in Town Clerk Office
Art 16th taken up. Voted. That we accept the report of the
Building Committee for School Improvements
as printed ——
Art 4th taken up.
Voted to raise and appropriate Two thousand dollars to pay
Bonds No 31-32-33 (1889) No 1 (1899) $2000.00
Voted to raise and appropriate Forty-five hundred dollars
for interest 4500.00
Voted to raise and appropriate Eighteen Thousand dollars
as recommended, for Schools $18000.00
Voted to raise and appropriate Fourteen hundred
dollars for the Fire Department $1400.00
Voted to raise and appropriate Three Thousand
dollars for Repairs of Highways $3000.00
Voted to raise and appropriate Nine hundred dollars
equally devided between the North, South and Centre parts
of the Town $900.00
Voted, That we raise and appropriate fifty-five
hundred dollars for the Support of the Poor $5500.00
Voted to raise and appropriate eighteen hundred

dollars for salary of town officers except Clerk. Treasur and School Committee $1800.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred twenty-five dollars for Salary of Town Clerk $125.00

Voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Salary of Town Treasurer. $200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Salary of School Committee. $200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate Five hundred sixty-two 50/100 dollars for Salary of Superintendent of Schools $562.50

Voted to raise and appropriate One hundred fifteen dollars for delivery of books in the Village $115.00

Voted to appropriate the proceeds of the "Dog Fund" for the Public Library "Dog Fund"

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for Hydrant Rental $2500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate twenty-four hundred dollars for Electric Street Lights. $2400.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial Day. $100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the Common $100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred fifty dollars for Soldiers Relief Chap 442 Acts 1890. $350.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred forty dollars for Bonds of the Treasurer & Collector $140.00

Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for Snow bills $500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate seven hundred fifty dollars for Insurance $750.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for Miscellaneous $1500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Military Aid $200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquor $300.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Riverside Cemetery $200.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Fairview Cemetery $200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Pine Grove Cemetery, $200.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate Thirteen hundred dollars for the Town House Running expenses and Repairs $1300.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for Soldiers Relief Chapt. 182 Acts of 1883: $100.00

Voted, to raise and appropriate One hundred fifty dollars for Shade Trees and care of Same Chapt 330. Acts 1882 $150.00

Art 5th Taken up. Voted, That no discount be made for the prompt payment of Taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town; that the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the Taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art 6th Voted to pass over the Article

Art 7th Taken up. Voted. That it be Ten dollars

Art 8th Taken up. Voted to accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen. as follows,

Adams Erastus	Chamberlin Edward T.	Fahey James T.
Aylett, Cyrus R.	Chickering Jonas H.	Getchell Amos G.
Aylett, Roland J.	Chase Daniel S.	Goddard Charles
Allen, George B.	Chapin, John C.	Goddard Edwin P.
Banister, Henry L.	Covell Willis G.	Gaudett Napolem T.
Banister, Frank C,	Donahue J. Frank	Goddard Perley
Bassett, David S,	Donovan William E,	Hall, Henry.
Batchelder Charles M.	Dunn Charles E W.	Hartnett George
Batchelor Sanford S	Dodge, Fred A,	Hawes Robert L.
Brewer Thomas H.	Elliot, Aaron	Howe Edwin A.
Brown John A. (saunderville)	Fay, George A.	Huckins Francis E
Casey Maurice J.	Fay, Walter E.	Huckins George H.
Casey John P.	Fiske, David L,	Jourdan, Harrison D.

Keith John F. Pratt Charles Le. Sumner Clarence
Knight Willard P. Putnam Clarence N. Swetzer John A.
Knowlton Samuel H. Petree George W. Stockwell George B.
Leeland Henry R. Redding Samuel C. Thurber Edward C.
Leeland Samuel E. Rice Leyman M. Taft H. Mortimer
Lincoln Dwight E. Rice Ashley W. Ward James B.
Leynch Thomas J. Rogers Stephen S. Webb Park H.
Lingley Charles W. Stowe Silas E. Williams Frederick S.
Macker Dean W. Stowe Fred A. Wilmarth Thomas
Merchant William R. Stowe Walter Le.
Nichols George K. Severance Charles A.
Newton George M. Sinclair E. Herbert
O. Keefe Jeremiah R Smith Walter E.

A true copy of the list-

Attest Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Art 9th Taken up. Voted, That it be within the centre district-

Art 10th Taken up. Voted, That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of, the Town of Grafton in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the town treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the board of selectmen, such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet the want of the town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year

Art 11th Taken up. Voted, That he be so authorized

Art 12th Passed over,

Art 13th Taken up., Voted, That the Boards of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor be authorized to sell the wood-land, and the Treasurer be authorized to execute and deliver proper deed or deeds to convey the same,

Art 14th Taken up. On Motion of John E. McClellan, Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen

hundred dollars ($1600.00) and accrued interest from Sept. 1
for the payment of the Carpenter lot so called,
Motion that the vote be taken by ballot and amendment
that it be by a Rising vote Amendment carried and
the vote was so taken Amos G Getchell and Henry Mann
appointed as Tellers. The result of the vote was Yes 98. No none
and the motion declared carried.

On motion of Hon. John E McClellan it was Voted, That the
School Committee be authorized to sell so much of the
Carpenter lot as in their judgement may not be needed
for the use of the Grammar and Primary Schools, and
the Town Treasurer be authorized at request of said
Committee to execute sufficient deed or deeds convey-
ing said premises, the proceeds of such sales if any,
to be paid into the Town Treasury and not to be at the disposal
of said School Committee.

Art 15th taken up: On motion of John Smith. Voted,
That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with
the Groton Electric Light Company for the construction
of three additional lights to be placed in the vicinity
of the Common at North Groton, the exact location
to be determined by the Selectmen. and that the
sum of thirty six (36) dollars be raised and appropriated
for the same.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 12. 1900

Pursuant to adjournment from February 19. 1900 the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met at the Town Hall in said Grafton Monday March 12. 1900. at 8 o'clock P. M.

David E. Fiske Moderator in the Chair.

Records of the last meeting read and approved.

Art. 3 & 4. being before the meeting at the time of adjournment Feb 19th they were take up. Hon George K Nichol mover of the motion before the meeting accepted the amendment offered by Hon John E McClellan. He then by unanimous consent of the meeting with-drew his motion made Feby 19. and moved the following motion

That the Building Committee elected June 30th 1899 be authorized and instructed to proceed to the construction of the new High School Building on the Kirby lot, as soon as the condition of the season will admit and that said Committee be authorized to use any and all funds already at said Committees disposal and in addition to which the two thousand five hundred dollars realized as a premium on the sale of the forty-five thousand dollars in bonds, shall be and is hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of said Committee not hereby limiting said Committee to the building plans for which, have hitherto been approved and adopted but leaving said Committee free to adopt such plans as it shall hereafter deem to be best having especial regard to the matter of expense, which it is intended shall in no case exceed the amount appropriated.

Mr Francis McGary offered the following amendment that all after the words "not hereby limiting" be stricken out; and then withdrew the amendment;

after a full discussion the motion was voted in the affirmative.

Art 2nd taken up. On motion of Mr A A Simmons it was voted to pass over the article

Motion by Mr Evan Panni, That we reconsider the vote
whereby we voted the motion made by Mr Nichols motion
Motion made that we adjourn and lost
Motion that the meeting be dissolved motion carried
meeting declared dissolved

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting May 7. 1900
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the seventh day of May 1900 at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for State Highway under Sec 4 Chap 497 Acts 1894 & act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

Edward A Estabrook
George H Huckins
William J Maxwell
J Frank Donahue
George B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester S.S. April 30. 1900.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the twenty-eight day of April current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton Mass May 7. 1900.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday May Seventh 1900 at 7-30 o clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st Hon George K. Nichols chosen Moderator,

Art 2nd On Motion of Solon F. Smith: Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to Contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for State Highway,

Voted that the meeting be dissolved,

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk.

Grafton June 5. 1900

James Dickson appointed Special Police officer by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting June 4, 1900 and Sworn by Leuther K Leeland Justice of the Peace June 5. 1900

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting July 2, 1900
Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Second day of July 1900 at eight o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To hear a report from the Building Committee, in the matter of the new High School Building: said report will show.

1st that the architects, in designing plans were strictly limited by the Building Committee to the amount covered by present appropriations.

2nd that the architects whose plans were accepted, as the result of competition, assured the Building Committee that the cost of construction, would in their opinion, not exceed the present appropriations.

3rd that the builders estimate of cost furnished the architects, at request of the Building Committee, was inside the the present appropriation

4th that notwithstanding all the foregoing, the lowest actual bid received, from 9 Contractors shows that the building, planned to contain the necessary accommodations (except furniture) cannot be constructed of common selected brick with plain stone trimming without an additional appropriation of $3500.

Art 3rd To see if the Town will authorize the Building Committee, elected at the town meeting held June 30, 1899, to expend in the erection of the proposed new high School building, in addition to all sums heretofore

appropriated for said purpose the further sum of Thirty-five hundred Dollars, $3500. said sum to be raised and appropriated. and to be borrowed by the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen as may be needed. and to be assessed in the taxes for 1901 or to be borrowed upon notes of the town issued for a period not to exceed twenty years and payment thereof to be provided by annual taxation as provided in the statute laws of Massachusetts. as petitioned for by

A A Simmons A S Getchell } Building
E E Howe S L Davenport } Committee
A L Fisher S E Slowe

Art 4th. To see if the town will vote to increase the present school committee by the addition of three or six members, or act anything in relation thereto as petitioned for by

James H Johnson and
nine others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty-first day June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

Edward A Estabrook
George H Huckins
William J Maxwell
J Frank Donahue
George B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. June 25th 1900.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fiskerville and Saundersville, on Saturday the 23rd day of June current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant
and the officer's return thereon,
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton July 2. 1900

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Town at Eight o'clock P.M. July 2 1900 and the following business was transacted, to wit:-

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and the officer return thereon

Art 1st Seyman M. Rice elected Moderator

Art 2nd Arthur A Simmons Chairman of the Building Committee read a report signed by all the members of the Committee and on motion of Geo R Nichols it was voted that we accept the report and that it be placed on file.

Art 3rd Voted to pass over the article

Art 4th Motion made by James H J Johnston

That at our next Annual meeting we add six new members to our board of School Committee thus increasing the number of said board to nine, to be chosen as follows Two of said added members for one year Two for two years and Two for three and each year thereafter we choose three members for the term of three years. Yes 13 No 56 motion lost

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Electric Street Railway

An Order granting to the Westborough & Worcester Street Railway Company A location in the Town of Grafton.

Commonwealth of Massachusett
Worcester SS.

Grafton, February-24th 1900

Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton:

In the matter of the petition of Frederic S Coolidge, Geo. R. Damon, Edward F Blodgett, Adams T Brown, Frank V. Bartlett, Elisha D. Colbron and Lyman M Rice, being a majority of the directors of the Westborough & Worcester Street Railway Company said Company being in process of organization under the provisions of Section two to Six inclusive, of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes, for a location of the tracks of said Company in the Town of Grafton, and that it may be allowed to operate cars upon said tracks by electricity or any other motive power except steam, and erect and use such poles wires and appliances, upon, over and under the streets and public highways embraced in said location as may be necessary for the operation of said railway, upon which petitions due notice having been given to all parties interested of the time and place at which said petition would be considered, at least fourteen days before the meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for considering said petition due publication of said petition and order thereon having been made and after hearing pursuant to said notice:

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that public convenience and necessity require that said location as prayed for, be and the same hereby is granted, and said Company, its succes-

and assigns, is hereby granted, the right to locate, construct, maintain and operate a single track railway with the necessary turnouts and switches, curves and sidings over and upon the following streets and highways in said Town of Grafton, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the boundary line between the Town of Westborough, and the Town of Grafton, both in the County of Worcester, with the highway leading from West Main Street in Westborough to North Grafton, in the Town of Grafton, that portion lying in Westborough being called Howard Street, thence over and upon said highway also called Westborough Street, also called Waterville Street, in the Town of Grafton, to a junction of said highway with the highway leading to the Boston & Albany Railroad Station in North Grafton, thence over and upon the last-named highway, also called Westborough Street, to Shrewsbury Street; thence over and upon said Shrewsbury to its junction with Oak Street; forming a junction with the track of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company in North Grafton, in the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, the track to be laid upon the southerly side of said streets; and said Company is granted the right to operate its cars upon said tracks by electricity or any other motive power except steam, and erect and use such poles, wires and appliances upon, over and under the street and public highways embraced in said location as may be necessary for the operation of said railway. This location is granted subject to the following terms, conditions and obligations: ——

First: That said Company shall comply with all the laws of the Commonwealth applicable thereto, and also with the requirements of this order and such regulations as the Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, determine. ——

Second: That the whole work of laying down the track

and the precise location of the same with proper provisions for the drainage of the highway where the tracks are laid shall be done subject to the approval of the Selectmen and, before beginning the construction of the railway, the Company shall file a plan of the exact location with the Board of Selectmen.

Third: Where there is a side location, the tracks shall be laid so that shall be remaining at least sixteen feet (16ft) in width safe and available for the travel of vehicles.

Fourth: The gauge of the track shall be four feet, eight and one half inches. The Company shall keep that portion of the streets and highways included between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen inches outside thereof at all times flush with the top of the track, and shall keep the same in good repair and safe for public travel.

Fifth: In the construction of the railway, the Company except as hereafter specified, shall use "T" rails, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the yard. Said rails shall be laid on chestnut or white oak sleepers, and shall be laid not more than thirty inches between centres, and shall be of suitable size to firmly hold the spikes for the rails. The Selectmen may designate hereafter where nine inch girder rails shall be used, Such rails shall not weigh less than eighty-five pounds to the yard and shall have what is known as the tram head. Wherever such rail is used the Company shall lay and maintain block paving between the rails and for eighteen inches on the outer sides of the track.

Sixth: The alignment of said track together with the curves, turnouts and switches shall be subject to the approval of the Selectmen, and the shall be laid in such a way as to conform with the present grade or grades of the street as it

hereafter may be established, unless the Selectmen may by formal vote hereafter, authorize the Company to lay its tracks otherwise in special cases or places. If, however, at any time, the grade of the street, in which the tracks of said Company are located, is changed, then said Company shall, if required by the Selectmen to change its tracks to conform with the same, make such change as ordered by the Selectmen and said Company shall pay such portion or all of the expense thereof as the Selectmen may determine.

Seventh: At all crosswalks and street crossings, which are now or may be hereafter provided for foot-passengers in the locations of the tracks in the streets, the same material as used by the Town shall be used by said Company between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen inches outside thereof, and at and opposite all driveways which may lead to the street on that side thereof on which said track is located; planking or other suitable material shall be used by said Company to make said approaches to said streets and over said tracks safe for public travel. All such crossings, and driveways approaches to be kept in repair to the approval of the Selectmen of said Town and at the expense of said Company. During the construction of said railway, said Company shall not unreasonably impede public travel on any street or highway aforesaid, and all of said streets in which said tracks are to be laid by said Company, shall be left by said Company in as good and safe condition as the same may be when the laying of the tracks commenced, and if any street in which said track are located is improved and repaired, the portion of said street occupied by the tracks of said Company

and eighteen inches outside thereof, shall, if required by the Selectmen be improved or repaired by said Company so as to conform with the improvement and repairs and condition of the street.

Eighth: The Company, in its construction shall use chestnut poles not less than thirty feet long, seven inches at the top, straight and well shaped. Said polls shall be located in such places as may be approved by the Selectmen. The polls shall be set not less than six feet in the ground, and shall be painted and kept painted as required by the Selectmen. Wherever the location of any pole is in soft ground the Company shall use cement to properly hold the same in an upright position. Cross arms or brackets, as the case may be, for the support of the trolley wire, shall be attached to said poles at such height as to maintain said trolley wire at every point of suspension not less than eighteen feet above the surface of the street. The Company shall place, and at all times maintain, such guard wires as the Selectmen may require.

Ninth: If in the construction of said railway it shall become necessary to remove and relocate any poles or wire belonging to any other corporation, the proper Company shall remove and relocate the same, and said railway Company shall bear the whole, or such part of the expense as the Selectmen shall adjudge to be fair and reasonable and the work shall be done under the direction and to the approval of said Selectmen.

Tenth: All snow shall be promptly removed from the tracks, and all snow or other materials

placed upon the streets of said Town by said Company, in consequence of keeping the track of said Company open for travel or for any cause, shall be promptly removed by said Company and the street left in such condition as to be safe for public travel, and failing to do this within a reasonable time, in the judgment of the Selectmen said Selectmen may cause the same to be removed and charge the expense thereof to the Company.

Eleventh: The Selectmen of the Town, for the purpose of repairing the highways, or repairing or extending any water or sewer system, and the officials of the Fire Department of said Town, in case of fire along the line of said Company, may take up or obstruct the track, or cut the wires of said Company without being liable in damages to said Company, and if said Company's wires or tracks shall be broken or taken up from any cause connected with the work performed by the Town or any of its officers or authorized agents, they shall be replaced by the Company at said Company's expense. Any work of repairing, extending or improving any water supply system done under a permit issued by said Selectmen to the owners of said system shall be deemed to be work done by said Selectmen within the meaning of this eleventh clause.

Twelfth: The Company may trim such trees as shall be necessary for the operation of the wires, but such trees shall be trimmed only under the supervision of a competent person, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen, and be paid for his services by said Company.

Thirteenth: The construction of said railway shall be commenced on or before the first day of July 1900 and shall be completed and in operation within twelve months thereafter.

Fourteenth: The Company shall at all times provide sufficient and suitable cars and run the same at

such intervals as will reasonably and comfortably accommodate the citizens of the Town, and no fare exceeding five cents shall be charged on said location in the Town.

Fifteenth: The Company shall pay and save said Town harmless from all claim and damage resulting to persons and property by reason of the construction or use of said tracks poles, or wires, or other structure and also from the use of electricity by said Company and said Town shall promptly notify said Company of any suit or claim brought against it on account of the same, and said Company shall defend all such suits at its own expense.

Sixteenth: If in the construction of said railway, it shall become necessary to remove any fence, or if there shall be left any place with dangerous embankment on either side of said streets, then the Company shall erect proper and suitable railings thereat free of expense to the Town.

Seventeenth: If in the construction of said railway the Selectmen decide that any bridges or culverts on the line of said railway are not of sufficient strength or length to safely allow the care of the Company to go over the same, said Company shall, and in a manner satisfactory to said Selectmen, at its own expense, strengthen or lengthen the same or construct a new bridge for its railway.

Eighteenth: The Town of Grafton shall not be responsible to said Company for any damage that may be occasioned by the bursting of water or sewer pipes or the laying or repairing the same, or by the fall of any poles or wires erected or permitted to be erected along the line of said location or for any damage occasioned by any other use of the streets which it makes or permits to be made.

Nineteenth: Said petitioners shall make a deposit of one thousand dollars in lawful money,

upon the acceptance of this decree, in the Grafton National Bank to the credit of the Town of Grafton, said sum to remain until such time as all the conditions of this decree shall have been complied with- and if said company fail to fulfill said condition within the specified time then said sum so deposited shall be forfeited and shall be paid over to the treasurer of said Town of Grafton.

Twentieth: The tracks on the location hereby granted shall not be used or the road operated in any manner until all work shall have been completed in connection therewith- and all condition herein set forth- have been complied with- to the satisfaction and acceptance of said Selectmen shown by their written statement.

Twenty-First: The said Company shall accept this order of location, together with all and singular its condition and agreements by filing with the Clerk of the Selectmen an acceptance in writing within thirty days from the date when notice of this decree is received by said petitioners and an acceptance of this order shall not be deemed a valid acceptance unless it is in terms unqualified and unconditional, and the filing of a qualified or conditional acceptance shall be taken to be a rejection of the order.

Clarence C. Elliot
Edward A Estabrook
George B Brooks
Ellsworth E Cove
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton Mass February 27th 1900

I acknowledge that I have this day, on behalf of the petitioners, received the decree of which this is a duplicate and that the thirty days referred to in Clause 21 begin to run on this

day viz. Feb 27th 1900 and terminating on March 29th 1900

Adams F. Brown Clerk of
Westborough & Worcester St Ry Co.

A true copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Grafton July 23. 1900 Town Clerk

Order extending the time to commence the construction of the Westborough & Worcester Street Railway

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss. Town of Grafton

June Twenty-fifth A. D. 1900

In Board of Selectmen.

It is hereby ordered that the time on or before which the construction of the Westborough & Worcester Street Railway shall be commenced, be extended from the first day of July A. D. 1900 to the first day September next

Edward A Estabrook
William J Maxwell
George B Brooks
George H Huckins
J. Frank Donahue

Selectmen of Grafton.

A true copy Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Grafton July 23. 1900 Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Aug 8th 1900.

Warrant.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Wednesday the Eighth day of August 1900, at eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will appropriate $3500.00 to be used for the erection of the proposed new High School building, in addition to all sums heretofore appropriated for the purpose, and to see if the Town will appropriate the $2000.00 received from the sale of the town farm wood-lot to such purpose, and to raise the balance of said appropriation to wit: $1500.00 by means of the treasurer borrowing under the direction of the Selectmen as the same may be needed, and the same to be assessed in the Taxes of the year 1901, or by borrowing upon the notes of the Town issued for a period of not exceeding twenty years, and payment of the same to be provided for by annual taxation as is provided in the statutes relating to municipal indebtedness

As petitioned for by

D. W. Norcross } School Committee
W. B. Maxwell } of Grafton

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton,

Farnumsville. Fisherville. and Saundersville. seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,
Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of July. in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Edward A Estabrook
William J Maxwell } Selectmen
J. Frank Donahue } of Grafton

Worcester S.S August 2nd 1900
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton. Farnumsville. Fisherville. and Saundersville of July current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and Return thereon
Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Aug. 8. 1900
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton Wednesday Aug 8. 1900, at 7 o'clock P.M. The meeting called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officers return thereon.
Art 1st taken up.
Seym M Rice chosen Moderator
Art 2 3/4 taken up.
Solen F. Smith made the following motion.
I move that the Town appropriate $3,500.00 to be used for the erection of the proposed new High School

building, in addition to all sums heretofore appropriated for the purpose, The money to be raised as follows. $2,000.00 from a like sum received from the sale of the Town farm wood-lot, and the balance of said appropriation to wit- $1,500.00, by means of the treasurer borrowing under the direction of the Selectmen as the same may be needed and the same be assessed in the Taxes of the year 1901.

Motion made That the meeting be dissolved, motion lost

On motion of Cyrus K Aptell. Voted, That the vote be taken by ballot- and the check list used.

Frank E Virlon and Ellsworth E. Howe appointed Tellers. The moderator stated the motion and declared the polls open The result of the ballot was.

Yes 58. No 60. and the motion declared lost-

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Aug 21. 1900

Warrant

Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the twenty-first day of August 1900. at Eight o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will appropriate $3,500.00 to be

used for the erection of the proposed new High School Building, in addition to all sums heretofore appropriated for the purpose, and to see if the Town will appropriate the $2,000,00 received from the sale of the Town farm wood-lot, to such purpose, and to raise the balance of said appropriation, to wit: $15,00,00 by means of the treasurer borrowing, under the direction of the Selectmen, as the same may be needed, and the same to be assessed in the Taxes of the year 1901, or by borrowing upon the notes of the Town issued for a period not exceeding twenty years, and payment of the same to be provided for by annual taxation, as is provided in the Statutes relating to municipal indebtedness

As petitioned for by D. W. Norcross and thirty-one (31) other legal voters of Grafton

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderson seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

George H Huckins
J Frank Donahue
George B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Worcester S.S. August 14. 1900.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Tuesday the fourteenth day of August current at 40 min past 2 P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton Mass Aug 21. 1900

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall at eight o'clock P.M. Aug 21. 1900. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Art 1st Made choice of Seyman M. Rice for Moderator

Art 2nd The following motion was made by Solon F Smith "That the Town appropriate 3,500.00 to be used for the erection of the proposed new High School building in addition to all sums heretofore appropriated for the purpose, The money to be raised as follows, $2.000.00 from a like sum received from the sale of the Town farm wood-lot, and the balance of said appropriation. to wit. $1500.00 by means of the treasurer borrowing under the direction of the Selectmen as the same may be needed, and the same to be assessed in the taxes of the year 1901."

On motion of Charles M. Batchelder it was voted that the vote be taken by "Yes" and "No" ballots and the check list be used,

After a general discussion of the motion. the moderator appointed Harrington & Nichol. Ellsworth E. Howe and Daniel N. Gibbs as Tellers.

After the motion was stated by the moderator the Polls were declared open. The result of the ballot was declared as follows Yes 150. No 169 and the motion declared lost.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Sept. 6. 1900.

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Thursday the Sixth day of September 1900. a eight o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles. to wit.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2d To see if the Town will accept the report of the Building Committee for School Improvements elected at the town meeting held June 30. 1899. filed with the Selectmen August 24. 1900. or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the Town will accept the resignation of the Building Committee for School Improvements elected at the Town Meeting held June 30. 1899 filed with the Selectmen Aug 24. 1900. or act thereon.

Art 4th To see whether the town will vote to locate the proposed new High School Building on the site of the present High School Building, rescinding all previous votes respecting the location of the High School Building, or act thereon.

As petitioned for by John C Chapin and sixty eight other legal voters of Grafton.

Art 5th To see if the town will vote to appoint a new Building Committee, said action being made necessary by reason of the resignation of the Building Committee elected June 30. 1899. or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville

seven days before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

Edward A Esterbrook
J Frank Donahue } Selectmen of
George B Brooks } Grafton

Worcester ss August 30. 1900.
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Thursday the thirtieth day of August current at 2-55 P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon.
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Sept. 6. 1900
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at Eight o'clock P.M. Thursday the sixth day of September 1900. and the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officers return thereon. —
Art 1st Made choice of Seyman M. Rice Moderator.
Motion by Clarence R Pratt that we take up Article 4.
Standing vote taken Theodore F Smith and Roland J Axtell appointed Tellers. 56 voted in the affirmative 22 in the negative motion declared lost—

Art 2d. The Report of the Building Committee elected June 30. 1899. was read by the Town Clerk. as follows.

Report of the Building Committee for School Improvements, elected at the town-meeting held June 30, 189

Dr.

To Selectmen's Orders on the Town-Treasurer. authorizing disbursements, as follows.

Reported to town at March meeting 1900	$22,937.43
From March 1900. to date of this report.	7,805.00
	$30,742.43

Credit

By disbursements on account of the several school buildings, as follows.

North Street: Centre.

reported at March meeting, 1900.	$8.134,81
John E McClellan	10,00
S. F. Smith & Son, conductor.	12,00
C. S. Kendall & Son, balance contract,	170,55
Thompson & Wheeler, Engineers,	8,30
Jules Dupius, concreate around building	50,00
" " labor in cellar	3150
Worcester Foundry Co, grates	1,15
H. M Rigg, drain pipe,	6,25
F. E Vinton, teaming,	6,00
car fares, telephone & Telegrams	5,00
Total	$8,435,54

North Grafton, Old Building,

reported at March meeting 1900.	$1,776.03
W. H. Davidson	75,00
S. F. Smith & Son. contract.	612,50
C. S Kendall & Son, balance contract	437.50
Earl & Fisher, architects,	20,00
car fares, telephones & Telegrams	5,00
Total	$2926,03

North Grafton. New Building,

reported at March meeting, 1900	$4,594,73
Henry Mellen & Son, balance contract	2,506.25
A. G. Getchell. labor & materials,	25,38
Geo B. Brooks,	250,00
× Wills Warming & Ven, Co,	106.25
Earle & Fisher, architects,	30,00
car fares, telephones & telegrams,	5.00
Total	$7,517.60

Fisherville.

reported at March Meeting. 1900	$3,162,53
Henry Mellen & Son	$2,527,25
Hill Bros,	210,00
× Wills Warming & Ventilating Co.	106,25
Earle & Fisher	14,68
car fares. telephones & telegrams	5,00
Total	$6,025.71

Saundersville.

reported at March meeting 1,900	$722,59
O. S. Kendall & Son	114,45
car fare. telephones & telegrams.	2,50
Total	$839.54

Farnumsville

reported at March meeting 1,900	$946.30
O. S. Kendall & Son	165,00
car fares. telephones & telegrams	2,50
Total	$1,113.80

High School.

reported at March meeting 1900. including land $3,500,00	$3,600.44
Earle & Fisher. architects,	116,77

Baker & Howe, and Earle and Fisher. architects, $50 each. these amounts paid them under agreement of March 15, 1900. for competition plans. and to be reimbursed to the town by deduction from commissions to successful competitor, to wit- Frost. Briggs and Chamberlin 100,00

G. G Davis. printing,	3,25

over

Thompson & Wheeler, engineer	5.32
R. E. Allen, engineer,	4.00
Putnam Davis & Co	.75
E. P. Tyler, typewriting.	1.60
car fares telephones & telegrams	15.67
amount unexpended and not withdrawn from treasury 3635 / 3074243	
Total	$3,847.80

xx These two amounts of $106.25 each are included in the Selectmen's Orders upon the Treasurer, to enable this Committee to close up their accounts: this sum of $212.50 which is the balance due on contract, is now held by the Town Treasurer for payment to the Wills Warming & Ventilating Co. at such times as the said Company reports the heating and ventilating apparatus at three buildings ready for inspection by the State Inspection Department and said department pronounces the work satisfactory.

The vouchers for above expenditures are all ready for exhibit to the auditor at any time to suit their convenience and they are requested to appoint an early date

Respectfully submitted.

A. A Simmons
S. E. Stone
S. L. Davenport
A. L. Fisher
A. S. Getchell
E. E. Howe
} Building Committee elected June 30. 1899

Groton Mass August-23. 1900

Examined with vouchers & found correct-

Jos A. Gourne
Jos D. Goddard
} Auditors

Aug 30, 1900

A true copy of the report-

Attest

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Motion by John Smith that the Report be not accepted until approved by all the Auditors. Standing vote taken Same tellers. 49 voting yes 36 no motion declared carried

Art 3d On motion of Perley Goold and it was voted to accept the resignation of the Building Committee

Art 2d taken up. On motion of Hon Geo K Nichols it was voted, to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted not to accept the report of the Building Committee until approved by all the Auditors.

On Motion of Hon Geo K Nichols it was Voted, That the report of the Building Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Art 4th The following motion was made by Evan Parvin, "That the Town erect its new High School building on the lot of the present High School, rescinding a previous vote of the Town of September 11th 1899 which located it on the Kirly lot."

On motion voted that the vote be taken by yes and no ballot the check list used.

Voted to proceed to ballot

Moderator appointed the following persons as Tellers E.S. Holbrook C.M. Wing F.E. Vinton and M.H. Read they were duly sworn by the Moderator.

The motion was stated by the moderator and the polls declared open. after due notice the Polls were declared closed, the Result of the ballot was those not carried voting yes 64 no 172 and the motion declared

Art 5th On motion of Hon Geo K Nichols it was voted That the Building Committee consist of the present board of School Committeemen and the present board of Selectmen with all the powers delegated to the Building Committee elected at a meeting held June 30. 1899.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

To the Town Board of Selectmen of the Town of Groton Mass.
The undersigned, a Building Committee elected at the Town meeting held June 30. 1899. respectfully tenders their resignation of said office, to take effect immediately, and files with their Second and final report of their doings with said Committee.

Dated at Groton Mass August 2 1900

E.E. Stone
L.L. Dunsmoor
A.L. Fisher
A.G. Rowlson
E.E. Hood

State Election Nov. 6th 1900

Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President, a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth also a Councillor for the seventh Councillor District and for a Representative in Congress for the Third Congressional District, a Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the ninth Worcester Representative District, and for a Register of Deeds, for the Worcester District, and for a County Treasurer for Worcester County, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock a.m. and may be closed at One P.M, or such time not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post-Office, in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and

place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of October in the year, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

Edward A Estabrook
J Frank Donahue
William J Maxwell
George E Huckins
George B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton, October 26th 1900
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville. Fisherville and Saunderesville, on Friday the twenty-sixth day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A. Hoare
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass November 6. 1900
In pursuance to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday Nov 6. 1900 at 7 o'clock A. M., The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Estabrook Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, The warrant read by the Town Clerk. The first package of official ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered to the Presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor. The cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by law. Clarence N Putnam Ballot Clerk
Walter S. Carpenter Ref. Francis E Huckins Ref. Harry E Hoare

William E Donovan Dem James E Carney Dem Tellers were duly
sworn by the Town Clerk
George H Huckins Rep + Clarence N Putnam Dem Ballot-Clerks
George B. Brooks + J. Frank Donahue at the check List
at the Polls. James Carny Constable and William
A Belchell Constable at the Table of the Ballot-Clerks
and at the Polls respectively, Walter S Carpenter at the box.
Voted that the polls be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.
The ballot-box was opened examined and shown to be
empty with the Register thereon 0000.
Polls declared open at 7.30 o'clock a.m.
By unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk
the ballot-box was opened to remove ballots therefrom for the
purpose of counting at 8-15 o'clock a.m. when one hundred twelve
ballots removed the Register standing 112 also at 10-15 a.m.
o'clock the Register standing 319 two hundred seven ballots removed
when the Register standing 616 and two hundred ninety seven
ballots taken out-
after due notice the Polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock
P.M. The names checked both the check list were counted
in a loud voice and seven hundred twelve names were
checked on each list.
The Register on the ballot-box registered 712. The box
was opened and ninety six ballots removed making
a total of seven hundred twelve ballots cast-
The Teller having canvassed the vote given in. declaration
was made in open meeting as follows

Electors of President & Vice President.

At Large Whole number 1412

Thomas Wentworth Higginson of Cambridge one hundred fifty two
Thomas A. Gargan of Boston one hundred fifty two
Charles S Grieve of Amesbury fifteen
Herbert L Wood of Brockton fifteen
Patrick O'Keefe of Salem fifteen
John A Henly of Lynn fifteen
Roger Wolcott of Boston four hundred fifty three

William Whiting of Holyoke four hundred fifty three
Edward Kendall of Cambridge sixteen
John Bascom of Williamstown sixteen
Blanks 120.

District 1. whole number 712

William Nugent of Pittsfield one hundred fifty-two
Leon S. Oliver of Westfield fifteen
Henry Noff'ke of Holyoke sixteen
James W. Poole of Holyoke four hundred fifty three
Thomas A. Friesell of Hinsdale sixteen
Blank 68

District 2.

Charles J Bellamy of Springfield one hundred fifty-two
William H Lawler of Springfield fifteen
James Noonan of Springfield sixteen
Charles E. Stevens of Ware four hundred fifty-three
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton sixteen
Blank 60

District 3

Eben S Stevens of Dudley one hundred fifty-two
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester fifteen
Walter J. Hoar of Gardner sixteen
Josiah Perry of Dudley four hundred fifty-three
William W. Nash of Worcester sixteen
Blank 60

District 4

Robert E Bisbee of Pepperell one hundred fifty two
John P. McDonald of Clinton fifteen
Francis H. Taylor of Fitchburg sixteen
Josiah P. Thatcher of Littleton four hundred fifty-three
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston sixteen
Blank 60

District 5

Nathan D. Pratt of Lowell one hundred fifty-two
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen fifteen
John Bradley of Woburn sixteen

William Beggs of Woburn four hundred fifty three
William W. Sherman of Lowell sixteen
Blank 60

District 6

Arthur Withington of Newbury port one hundred fifty-two
George L. Evans of Haverhill fifteen
Burton C. Woodbury of Haverhill sixteen
Arthur D. Story of Essex four hundred fifty three
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill sixteen
Blank 60

District 7

Thomas E. Dwyer of Wakefield one hundred fifty-two
Ernest W. Timson of Lynn fifteen
John Wellon of Chelsea sixteen
George L. Morse of Melrose four hundred fifty-three
George A. Howard of Lynn sixteen
Blank 60

District 8

Henry J. Schaefer of Winchester one hundred fifty-two
John J. Aitken of Cambridge fifteen
Herman W. A. Raasch of Boston sixteen
William H. Dyer of Boston four hundred fifty-three
George E. Crosby of Medford sixteen
Blank 60

District 9

Thomas F. Keehan of Boston one hundred fifty-two
Morris Kaplan of Boston fifteen
William C. Young of Boston sixteen
Henry C. Richardson of Boston four hundred fifty-three
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop sixteen
Blank 60

District 10

Richard Sullivan of Boston one hundred fifty two
William M. Packard of Quincy fifteen
William H. Carroll of Boston sixteen
John Shaw of Quincy four hundred fifty three

Samuel F. Smith of Quincy fifteen
Blank 60

District-11

John H. Lee of Boston one hundred fifty-two
David M. Chase of Boston fifteen
C Arvoid Olsen of Hyde Park fifteen
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale four hundred fifty-three
Samuel B Shapleigh of Boston fifteen
Blank 60

District 12

Albert P. Worthen of Weymouth one hundred fifty-two
Samuel L. Smith of Brockton fifteen
Thomas L. Leonard of Taunton fifteen
William W. Blackmar of Hingham four hundred fifty three
Edward G Knight of Hull. fifteen
Blank 60

District-13

Charles R Codman of Barnstable one hundred fifty-two
Lawrence Loettinger of New Bedford fifteen
Wright-Wilde of Fall River fifteen
Edward Anthony Jr of Fairhaven four hundred fifty-three
Elijah Humphries of New Bedford fifteen
Blank 60

Governor.

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill eighteen
Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill twelve
W. Murry Crane of Dalton four hundred eighteen
John M. Fisher of Attleborough eleven
Robert Treat Paine Jr of Boston one hundred fifty-three
Blank 10.

Lieutenant-Governor

John L. Bates of Boston four hundred eighteen
John B O'Donnell of Northampton one hundred forty-six
William M Purrington of Williamsburg ten
Blank 107 Moritz E Ruther of Holyoke twenty-
George H Wrenn of Springfield eleven

Secretary

Addison W. Barr of Worcester twenty-one
Alfred E Jones of Everett nineteen
William M. Olin of Boston four hundred eleven
William H. Partridge of Newton ten
Leuther Stephenson of Hingham one hundred twenty seven
Blank 124

Treasurer & Receiver General

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield four hundred thirteen
Joseph L. Chadbourn of Lowell one hundred thirty four
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford eleven
Fred A Nagler of Springfield ~~twenty one~~
Stephen O'Shaugnessy of Boston thirteen
Blank 120

Auditor

Elbridge Gerry Braun of Brockton one hundred twenty eight
Frank Albin Fobes Irons of Worcester seventeen
William L. Merrill of Malden twenty four
Henry E Turner of Malden three hundred eighty two
Frank S Walsh of Brockton nineteen
John D. Kimball of Fitchburg one.
Blank 140

Attorney General

John A. Billings of Rockland thirteen
Allen Coffin of Nantucket thirteen
John L Crosby of Pittsburg one hundred thirty two
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford three hundred ninety six
Frank McDonald of Stoneham twenty-three
Blank 135

Representative in Congress 3d Dist

John R Thayer of Worcester three hundred ~~five~~ four
Charles L Washburn of Worcester three hundred eighty ~~three~~ four
Walter J Coar two
Blank 42

Councillor 7th Dist

Charles M. Day of Winchendon one hundred sixty-nine
Lucius Field of Clinton four hundred two
John Wilbo one
Blank 140

Senator 5th Worcester Dist

Cornelius R. Day of Blackstone four hundred three
Adrian Scott of Blackstone one hundred seventy-eight
John F. Bradley one
Blank 130

Representative in Genl Court –

9th Worcester Dist

whole number 1429

Charles V. Dudley of Northbridge three hundred sixty-nine
John J. Fleming of Grafton one hundred ninety-seven
Arthur E. Segrave of Uxbridge one hundred seventy-seven
William J. Taft of Uxbridge three hundred thirty five
Blank 346

County Commissioner

John J. Bowler of Southbridge one hundred sixty-nine
Emerson Stone of Spencer four hundred eleven
Blank 132

Register of Deed Worcester Dist

Daniel Kent of Worcester four hundred twenty
James F. McGovern of Worcester one hundred sixty-three
Blank 123

County Treasurer

Edward A. Brown of Worcester four hundred twenty one
Oscar Shumway of Webster one hundred sixty-nine

The returns were filled out, signed by the Selectmen and countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The ballots cast and check lists used were sealed up in Separate package and endorsed as required by law and delivered to the Town Clerk voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Nov 12. 1900

Pursuant to petition of eleven of the legal voters of Grafton for a recount of the ballots cast for Representative in Congress for the 3d District at the election holden Nov 6. 1900. The Registrars of voters met in the Town Clerks office this twelfth day of Nov. and made the canvass as required by Sec 264 Chapter 548 Acts of 1898 and

John R Thayer of Worcester had three hundred four
Charles G Washburn of Worcester three hundred sixty four
Walter J Hoar two
Blank 42,
Whole number of ballots 712,

An amended return made out signed by the Selectmen and countersigned by the Town Clerk and delivered to the Town Clerk to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth—

Attest
Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, S.S. Northbridge November 16. 1900

In compliance with Section 195 of Chapter 417. of the Acts of 1893, we, the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone Grafton Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the Town Hall in said Northbridge and canvassed the returns of votes in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 6th day November, A.D. 1900, and was shown by the following tabular statement.

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Charles V. Dudley of Northbridge had	351	369	478	187	281	1666
John J Fleming of Grafton had.	590	197	329	43	193	1252
Arthur E Segrave of Uxbridge "	610	177	261	44	315	1407
William J Taft of Uxbridge "	332	335	408	164	355	1594
Blank	345	346	276	112	194	1273
	2228	1424	1452	550	1338	7192

Charles V. Dudley of Northbridge and William J Taft of Uxbridge having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires,

In witness whereof we, the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 16th day of November, A. D. 1900

Attest

James H Fitzsimmons Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A Hove " " Grafton
Joseph A Johnston " " Northbridge
George E Stone " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " Uxbridge

A true copy Attest
Edwin A Hove Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 21. 1900
Mabel E Hove appointed Assistant Town Clerk this day (Chap 423 Acts 1893 Chap 142. Acts 1895) and duly sworn by the Town Clerk

Attest Edwin A Hove Town Clerk

Westborough Mass Nov. 19. A.D. 1900

We hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the Town Lines between the Towns of Westborough and Grafton, beginning at the corner bound between the Towns of Westborough, Shrewsbury and Grafton, and found all monuments in their proper positions (except the eighth monument which was nearly fallen down, and which we reset in an upright position) and renewed the marks thereon as required by law.

Number of monuments. 14.

Edward A Eslabrook
Selectman of Grafton

Adams F. Brown
Selectman of Westborough.

John E. Henry.
By appointment.

A true copy
Attest Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk.

Grafton Mass Nov. 20. 1900,

We hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the Town Lines between the Towns of Sutton and Grafton, as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth and find the bounds in good order, and have properly marked the same

Edward A. Eslabrook
J Frank Donahue
Selectmen of Grafton

B Frank Batcheller
Tyler Stockwell
Selectmen of Sutton

A true copy Attest
Edwin A Hoare Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Nov 23. 1900

We hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the Town Lines between the Towns of Upton, and Grafton as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth, and find the bounds in good order, and have properly marked the same,

Edward A Estabrook
George H. Huckins
Selectmen of Grafton

W. H. Wellington
Albert Sadler.
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Millbury, Mass November 24th. 1900

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton, and Millbury hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between our respective towns, as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth, and find the bounds in good order. and have properly marked the same

Edward A. Estabrook
Selectmen of Grafton

Robert Booth
A. H Batchelor
Selectmen of Millbury

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass. Nov 23. 1900

We hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the Town Lines between the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge, as provided by law, and find the bounds in good order and properly marked.

Edward A Estabrook
George H Huckins
Selectmen of Grafton

J V. Prentice
W. L. Taft
Selectmen of Northbridge

A true copy Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

This certifies that on the fifth day of December inst, we perambulated the line between the town of Grafton and the City of Worcester, and found the monument at the corner of Millbury, Grafton and Worcester in proper position and legably marked. Also a monument on the southerly shore of Flint's pond set in 1882 on the division line as a range post to aid in determining the corner of Shrewsbury Grafton and Worcester which is in Flint-pond. This range post is erroneously marked by a letter "W." painted on one side. There is also a range post on the division line between Shrewsbury and Worcester at the westerly shore of Flint-pond to aid in determining said corner

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
For the Town of Grafton

John H Howell
Worcester, December 12 1900.
For the City of Worcester
Walter E Hallam

A true copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Nov 28. 1900.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between our respective towns, as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth, and find the bounds in good order, and have properly marked the same

H. S. Ball
Geo H. Perry
Selectmen of Shrewsbury.

Edward A Estabrook
G. H. Huckins
Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

To the American Telephone and Telegraph Company
of Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, acting upon the above petition, orders that the same be granted and direct that the following writing of consent be given to the said Company, its successors and assigns, to make such changes in its lines in the said Town as may be necessary. Provided, that all the conditions heretofore imposed on the said company shall be complied with and that the poles used in the proposed changes shall be of good sound cedar, pine or chestnut, and so located that the flow of water in ditches and drains be not interrupted or entrances to highway interfered with; that the wires shall be attached to strong and suitable supports and that upon the completion of the work, a digram or map showing the location of the poles shall be filed for record with the Town Clerk and thereupon be made a part hereof.

Dated this 4th day of February A. D. 1901.

Edward A. Estabrook
E. H. Huckins
J. Frank Donahue
George B. Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Received February 13, 1901. 8 o'clock and 15 minutes P. M.
Attest
Edwin A Hoare
Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting
March 4th 1901
Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Fourth day of March 1901, at seven o'clock, A. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art 2d. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Town House Committee for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one *Road Commissioner for three years, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year, And one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for four years, to fill a "vacancy" And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town"? The votes for all of the above will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above offices at 7.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at One o'clock P. M., or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

(* no Road Commissioner to elect)

Art. 3d To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.
Art. 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon
Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon
Art. 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon
Art. 7th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon
Art. 8th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.
Art. 9th To see if the Town authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use
Art 10th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon
Art 11th To see if the Town will vote to contract with the Grafton Electric Light Co. to construct three lights in Fisherville, one on Cross Street, and two on Main Street and appropriate money for the same, or act anything in relation thereto,
Art 12th To see if the Town will vote to sell the unoccupied School building and land, in the outlying districts, namely; Brigham Hill Waterville, Farms District, Merrians district, George Hill, and Keith Hill; or act thereon.
Art 13th To see if the Town will accept provisions

of Chapter 331. of the acts of 1888, or act thereon,
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre
of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton,
Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days
at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the
time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty-first day of
February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and one

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
J. Frank Donahue
George B. Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. February 23rd 1901

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting
attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton,
North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders-
ville on Saturday the 23rd day of February current,
being seven days at least before the time of holding
said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon

Attest-
Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk

Grafton Mass March 4. 1901

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants
of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections
and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said
Grafton at 7 o'clock A.M. Monday March 4th 1901
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who

read the warrant and the officers return thereon.
Art 1. taken up. A ballot was taken for Moderator and Leyman M Rice was elected receiving twelve vote Edwin A Knapp and Chas M. Batchelder sworn as Tellers Clarence Sumner and Clarence N Putnam sworn as Ballot-Clerks and to them was delivered the package of official ballots (1090) and their receipt taken therefor
The Cards of instruction and Specimen ballots were posted as required by law,
James W. Coyne sworn as Teller with Chas M Batchelder placed in Charge of the check list at the polls.
Walter S Carpenter sworn as Teller and give charge of the ballot-box The box having been previously opened and examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and shown to be empty with the register at 0000, and the keys given to Walter S Carpenter one of the Selectmen
Art 2d taken up. Polls declared open at 7-30 A.M.
Voted, That the Polls be closed at 4 o'clock P.M., and immediately after the result of the vote for Town Officers is declared, and the ballots sealed up, the meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 9. next at 1-30 o'clock P.M. and that no other business be taken up until that time.
By order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the Ballot-Box was opened three different times and one hundred (100) Two hundred eighteen (218) and Two hundred ninety-four (294) ballots respectively were removed for counting
Francis E Huckins James J Reily & William E Donovan sworn as Tellers also Maurice E Kelly John Donahey Stearns L Davenport and Sanford L Batchelor were sworn as additional Tellers.
After due notice the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P.M. The register standing 670. the box was opened and Sixty seven ballots taken out (at each time the ballots were counted aloud as required by law) making Six hundred seventy nine (679)
The names checked at the polls and at the Table of the

Ballot Clerks as the law directs and Six hundred and seventy-nine names were checked on each list. Notice was taken that the Ballot-Box had not worked correctly, being a difference of nine.

The ballots having been counted public declaration was made as follows.

For Town Clerk

Edwin A Howe had	Five hundred four.	(504)
Blank	One hundred seventy five	175

Edwin A. Howe declared elected and immediately sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office by the Moderator

For Selectmen.

John Barney had	one hundred ninety two	192
George B Brooks	" four hundred twelve	412
Louis T. Desmarais	" one hundred fifty five	155
J. Frank Donahue	" four hundred fifty	450
Edward A. Estabrook	" four hundred fifty four	454
George H Huckins	" four hundred thirty two	432
William J. Maxwell	" four hundred thirty two	432
C. Herbert Mitchell	" one hundred eighteen	118
David Howie	" One	1
Blank	seven hundred forty nine.	

George B Brooks (Sworn Mar 5. 01 by Town Clerk) J. Frank Donahue (Sworn Mar 5. 01 by Town Clerk) Edward A. Estabrook (Sworn Mar 5. 01 by Town Clerk) George H Huckins and (Sworn Mar 5. 01 by Town Clerk) William J. Maxwell were declared elected. (Sworn March 5. 01 by Town Clerk)

For Treasurer.

Arthur A. Simmons had	four hundred eighty three	483
Blank	one hundred ninety six	196

Arthur A. Simmons declared elected

Sworn March 11th 1901 by the Town Clerk

For Assessor for 3 years

Perley Goddard had	four hundred sixty six	466
Blank	two hundred thirteen	213

Perley Goddard declared elected

Sworn March 5. 01 by the Town Clerk

For Tax Collector

Edwin A. Howe had five hundred seventeen 517
Blank one hundred sixty two 162
Edwin A Howe declared elected
Sworn in open meeting by the Moderator

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

Erastus Adams had two hundred fifty-eight 258
Samuel H. Knowlton " two hundred ninety four 294
Blank one hundred twenty-seven
Samuel H Knowlton declared elected
Sworn March 5. 01 by the Town Clerk.

For School Committee for 3 years.

D. Webster Norcross had four hundred fifty-five 455
George Leavens " one 1
Blank two hundred twenty three 223
D. Webster Norcross declared elected
Sworn March 7. 01. by the Town Clerk.

For Town House Committee for 3 years

Solon F. Smith had four hundred forty three 443
Blank two hundred thirty six 236
Solon F. Smith declared elected

For Common Committee for 3 years

John E. McClellan had four hundred thirteen. 413.
Blank two hundred sixty-six 266
John E McClellan declared elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

D. Webster Norcross had four hundred eighteen 418
Blank two hundred sixty one 261
D. Webster Norcross declared elected

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 3 years

Aaron Elliot had one hundred seventy 170
Amos G. Getchell " three hundred eleven 311
Blank one hundred ninety-eight. 198
Amos G. Getchell declared elected

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 4 years "Vacancy"

John Smith had three hundred fifty-six 356
Blank three hundred twenty-three 323
John Smith declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

Ellsworth E. Howe had four hundred seven 407
Blank two hundred seventy two 272
Ellsworth E Howe declared elected.

For Auditors (whole number 2007)

Moses G Beaureyard had four hundred nineteen 419
Joseph D. Goddard " four hundred seven 407
James H. Johnston " four hundred five 405
Blank eight-hundred six 806

Moses G Beaureyard Sworn Mar 12, 1901 by Louther K Leeland notary Public
Joseph D. Goddard sworn March 7. 01 by the Town Clerk
James H Johnston sworn March 9. 01 by the Town Clerk
declared elected

For Constable (whole number 5432)

James Carney had four hundred eighty-eight 488
George A. Dearborn " three hundred eighty-five 385
Amos G Getchell " four hundred thirty-nine 439
William A. Getchell " four hundred thirty-nine 439
James W. Gould " three hundred fifty-one 351
James Harding " three hundred seventy five 375
Napoleon King " one hundred ninety-six 196
Peter J. O'Connell " two hundred forty-nine 249
James C. Reeby " two hundred ninety-nine 299
William P. Spencer " three hundred forty three 343
Henry Smith one
Blank eighteen hundred sixty seven

James Carney Sworn by Moderator George A Dearborn sworn by Moderator
Amos G Getchell Sworn by Town Clerk Mar 9/01 William A Getchell Sworn by Moderator
James W Gould Sworn March 8. 1901 by Ellsworth E Howe Justice of the Peace James Harding Sworn March 8. 1901 by Ellsworth E Howe Justice of the Peace
James C. Reeby Sworn by Moderator William P. Spencer sworn by Town Clerk Mar 9/01
were declared elected

Licenses

Yes	two hundred ninety seven	297
No	three hundred fifty five	355
Blank	twenty seven	27

The ballots cast and the check lists used were sealed up in seperate packages endorsed by the proper officers and delivered to the Town Clerk as provided by law.
Meeting adjourned until Saturday March 9 1901 at 1-30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton March 9. 1901

Pursuant to adjournment from March 4th 1901 the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said town at 1-30 o clock P. M. Seyman M Rice Moderator in the chair.
Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.
Art. 2d D. Webster Norcross elected Tree Warden by acclamation. D. Webster Norcross Perley Goddard and Amos G Getchell elected Fence viewers in the same manner and were all duly sworn by the Moderator
Earl C Daniels and Frank Anderson elected Field Drivers
Voted that the Selectmen appoint all other necessary Town Officers.
Art. 3d Voted to accept the reports of the several town officers and committees as printed each report acted upon separately. Selectmen's Treasurer Tax Collector, Town House Committee, Supt of Streets Assessor, Overseers of the Poor, Trustees of Riverside Cemetery Trustees of Fairview Cemetery, Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, Fire Dept Free Public Library Tree Warden, G. M. A.R. Sprague Post 24. Relief

Common Committee. Schol Committee,
Art 44. Voted to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars ($2000.) to pay bonds #34-35-37 of 1889 #2 of 1899
Voted. To raise and appropriate four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500) for interest;
Voted, On Motion of Evan Panin "That a committee be appointed to examin into the possibility of retrenchment in our present expenses for schools, and report thereon at an adjourned Zoom meeting two weeks from March 9th at 1-30 P. M."
Evan Panin Samuel H Knowlton and Com John E McClellan were elected as said Committee.
Voted. to raise and appropriate two thousand three hundred dollars ($2,300.) for High Schol Teachers.
Motion by Com George K. Nichols that we raise and appropriate Eight thousand six hundred dollars ($8,600.) for Common Schol Teachers Amendment by Samuel H. Knowlton. that the sum be seven thousand six hundred ($7,600.) and number of weeks schooling shall be 32 in place of 36 weeks, and the amendment declared carried and doubted a rising vote was then taken Charles M. Balchelder and Edwin A. Knapp appointed teller, result of the vote yes 13. No 43 and the amendment lost. and the Original motion carried. ($8600)
Voted to raise and appropriate Three Thousand dollars ($3,000.) for Fuel & Janitors.
Voted. to raise and appropriate eleven hundred dollars ($1,100.) for Books and Supplies
Voted to pass over the recommendation for Repairs and Fixtures
Voted to pass over the recommendation for Miscellaneous
Voted. to raise and appropriate six hundred dollars ($600.) for conveyance of pupils to the High School.
Voted to raise and appropriate seventeen hundred and fifty dollars ($1,750.) for conveyance of pupils to the Common Schools.

Voted to raise and appropriate Twelve hundred dollars ($1200.) for the Fire Department.
Voted to raise and appropriate Two thousand dollars ($2000.) for Repairs of Highways
Voted to raise and appropriate ~~Three~~ hundred ($300.) for Sidewalks equally devided between the Centre, North and South parts of the Town.
Voted to raise and appropriate Five thousand dollars ($5000.) for the support of the Poor,
Voted to raise and appropriate eighteen hundred ($1800.) for Salaries of Town Officers except Clerk Treasurer & School Com
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars ($125.) for Salary of Town Clerk
Motion of Hon Geo K Nichols to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars ($200) as salary of Town Treasurer.
Amendment - that the sum be one hundred dollars ($100.) Amendment lost and the original motion Voted ($200.),
Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars ($200.) for School Committee Salary
Voted to raise and appropriate Five hundred eighty two dollars and fifty cents ($582.50) for salary of Superintendent of Schools
Voted to appropriate the proceeds of the Dog Fund to the Free Public Library.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred twenty dollars ($120.) for the delivery of books in the villiages.
Voted to raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500.) for Hydrant Rental (Grafton Water Co)
Voted to raise and appropriate Twenty-four hundred thirty six dollars ($2436). for Street Lights (Grafton Electric Co)
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100.) for Memorial Day.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100.) for the care of the Common
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred fifty

dollars ($150.) for Soldiers Relief Chap. 447 acts of 1890.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred twenty dollars ($120.) for Bonds of the Treasurer and Collector.
Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars ($500.) for Snow bills.
Voted to raise and appropriate seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.) for Insurance.
Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500.) for Miscellaneous.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100.) for Military Aid
Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars ($300.) for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100) for Riverside Cemetery.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred fifty ($150.) dollars for Fairview Cemetery.
Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100.) for Pine Grove Cemetery.
Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars ($50.) for Shade Trees Chap. 330. acts of 1899.
On motion of Mr. F. M. McGarry voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted to pass over the recommendation for Repairs and Fixtures.
Motion made that we raise and appropriate five hundred dollars ($500) for Repairs and Fixtures. Amendment - that it be two hundred and fifty. On motion of Daniel L. Fiske it was voted to postpone further action until the adjourned meeting.
Art. 5th. Voted. That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town; that the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art 6th Voted that it be Ten dollars ($10)

Art 7th Voted to accept the list of names as prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box with the addition of the name of George Pogue, namely:

Adams Erastus	Gaudette Napoleon J.	Newton George M.
Aplelee, Cyrus R.	Goddard Charles.	O'Keefe Jeremiah R
Aplett Roland J.	Goddard Edwin P.	Pratt Charles Le.
Allen, George B.	Goddard Joseph D.	Pealer George W.
Banister Henry Le.	Goddard Perley.	Pratt C. Herbert
Bassett David S.	Hall Henry.	Putnam Clarence N.
Batchelder Charles M.	Hartnett George	Redding Samuel H.
Batchelor Sanford Le.	Hawes Robert Le.	Rice Ashley W
Brewer Thomas H.	Hoare Edwin A	Rice Leyman M.
Broun John A. saundemee	Huckins Francis E.	Robbins Charles E.
Casey Maurice J.	Huckins George H.	Rogers Stephen S.
Casey John P.	Jourdan Harrison D.	Severance Charles A.
Chamberlin Edward J.	Knight-Willard P.	Sinclair E. Herbert
Chickering Jonas H.	Knowlton Samuel H.	Smith Walter E.
Chase Daniel S.	Knowlton Charles E	Stowe Silas E.
Chapin John C.	Leeland Henry R.	Stowe Fred A.
Covell Willis G.	Leeland Samuel E	Stowe Walter Le.
Daniels Samuel C.	Lincoln Dwight-E.	Sumner Clarence
Donavon William E	Loygnd William	Thurber Edward C.
Dunn Charles E W.	Leynch Thomas J.	Taft-H. Mortimer
Dodge Fred A	Lingley Charles W.	Ward James B.
Elliot, Aaron	Macker Dean W.	Webb Park H.
Fay George A	Maxwell William J.	Williams Frederick S.
Fay Walter E.	Merchant-William R	Wilmarth Thomas
Fiske. David Le.	Nichols George K	Pogue George

The above is a true copy.

Attest Edwin A. Hoare Town Clerk

Art 8th Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of, the Town of Grafton, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year. the town treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time,

with the approval of the board of Selectmen, such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet the wants of the town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made with interest thereon. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year

Art 9th Voted that he be so authorized

Art 10th Voted to pass over the art (appropriation already made)

Art 11th Voted that the town contract with the Grafton Electric Co for three additional lights at Fisherville the location to be designated by the board of Selectmen and that the sum of thirty six dollars ($36,) be raised and appropriated to pay for the same

Art 12th Voted to pass over the article.

Art 13th Voted to pass over the Article

Voted to adjourn until Saturday March 23 1901 at 1-30 o'clock P. M.

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Appointments

Grafton March 12. 1901

The following appointments were made by the Board Selectmen at their meeting held March 11. 1901.

Supt of Streets John E Sheridan Sworn Mar 12. 1901 by Town Clerk

William E Donovan ~~Donovan~~ Registrar of voters for 3 years

James Carney Keeper of Lock-up and Pound

Samuel E Leeland Sealer of weights & measures. Sworn Mar

Perley Goddard Inspector of Animals & Provision Sworn Mar 12 1901 by Town Clerk

Licensed as Undertakers Amos S Getchell & Son

Benjamin F Gibson J Frank Donahue

Edwin A Moore Agent for State Aid and burial of indigent Soldiers

Attest Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton March 23rd 1901

Pursuant to adjournment from March 9th the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton and transacted the following business at 1-30 o'clock P M

Seyman M. Rice Moderator in the Chair

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Voted to adjourn for twenty minutes.

adjourned until 1-52 o clock P. M.

Attest

Edwin A Hovey Town Clerk

Grafton March 23rd 1901

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was called to order at 1-52 o clock P. M.

Seyman M. Rice Moderator in the Chair

Art 4th The Committee appointed March 9th To examine into the possibility of retrenchment in our present expenses for Schools reported through its Chairman Ivan Panin. after the reading of the report John C Thurston moved. that the report of the Committee be accepted and the suggestions be carried out by the School Committee

Amendment made by Charles M. Batchelder that the Committee have two weeks more time and that we now adjourn for two weeks from today at 1-30 o clock P. M

Amendment was withdrawn

Mr A A Simmons moved as a substitute motion That the present Committee be increased to 7 members and instructed to investigate towns having similar condition with Grafton and report their recommendations, at a meeting to be held at 7-30 P. M. on the third Monday in April next. That the full report of the Committee except the part comparing Sutton with Grafton be printed and distributed prior to said April meeting.

The motion was decided the first vote being to increase

the Committee to 7 members. and, Voted to increase the Committee to seven. by rising vote 34 voting yes 6 no,
Voted in the affirmative the remainder of the motion made by. A. A Simmons,
Daniel L. Fiske, John Smith- Fred A Dodge and Rev David Howie were elected as the additional members.
Voted to adjourn to April 15th next at 7-30 o'clock P.M.

Attest

Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 15. 1901

Pursuant to adjournment from March 23. the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 7-30 o'clock P.M.

Seyman M. Rice Moderator presiding

Motion made to adjourn for fifteen minutes motion lost,
Voted to defer the reading of the records of the last meeting. for fifteen minutes,
Art. 3d taken up the following motion was made by. David L. Fiske. "Moved That the several Town officers, Committees and Trustee be instructed to file their annual reports in duplicate form; one copy to be marked original and kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and one copy to be marked duplicate and used for printers' copy in the printing of the said reports, Said duplicate copy be made at the expense of the town. the motion passed in the affirmative

Voted that the assessors cause the valuation printed the present year,
Art 13 taken up Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 331. of the Acts of 1888. Records of last meeting read and approved.
Art 4th taken up Town Panin Chairman of the Committee "to examine into the possibility of retrenchment

in our present expenses for Schools" reported that the report of the Committee had been printed and distributed through the mail, to the voters of the town, he was willing to read the repat if the meeting desired. a motion made that Mr Panin read the repat and motion lost,
Charles M. Batchelder made a motion that we accept and adopt the report of the committee (The original report of the committee is on file in the Clerk Office) after a very lengthy discussion it was voted to devide the motion,
Motion made that we accept the report of the Committee amendment that the word receive be substituted for accept. and the amendment was voted, and the original motion as amended was voted in the afirmative,
Motion made to adjourn for one week from tonight at 7-30 o'clock P.M. motion lost.
Voted to take up the recommendation of the Committee seperately,
Motion to adopt the recommendation, (1) That the town adopt the policy of gradually returning to what would be Grafton's fair share in the average expense for schools incurred by towns similarly situated as Grafton, such as the thirty towns enumerated in the table at the end of this report, and that the appropriation for schools be thus gradually brought down at the rate of 1,000. a year until that average is reached." The vote was taken and declared carried, and doubled, it was then voted that all the votes be taken by a rising vote. Chas M. Batchelder and William E Donovan appointed Tellers The vote again taken and 33. voted yes 37. No. and the motion lost
Voted to adopt the 2d recommendation of the Committee "That the School Committee be instructed to begin the next school year (September, 1901) on the basis of an expenditure of 18,000. this sum to cover the total cost

of the schools to the town as covered by the following items:
(1) School Committee salary (2) Superintendent salary
(3) High School teachers, (4) Common school teachers,
(5) Fuel and janitors, (6) Books and supplies,
(7) Repairs and fixtures. (8) Miscellaneous"
Voted in the affirmative 53. Negative 16, and the motion declared carried.

Motion to adopt the 3d recommendation of the Committee "That the School Committee be instructed not to use money appropriated for schools towards defraying the expense of graduation exercises." 33 voting Yes 31 No and the motion declared carried.

Motion that we adopt the 4th recommendation of the Committee, "That the School Committee be instructed not to incur any obligation for the town beyond the amount appropriated by the town for schools; and that money, moreover, appropriated for one department of school expenditures shall be used by the School Committee, if used at all, only in the particular department for which the money was appropriated. That the Selectmen be instructed to order only such bills of the School Committee to be paid as do not overdraw either the general appropriation for schools or the particular appropriation of the department of school expenditure within which such bills are incurred.
That the town treasurer be instructed not to pay any bills presented by or through the School Committee which do not meet the conditions imposed in the above instruction to the Selectmen.

47. voting Yes 10. No. and the motion declared carried

Voted to pass over the 5th recommendation of the committee. which is "That the School Committee be increased by at least three, so that it should consist, in part at least, of those who heartily believe

in retrenchment, said increase of the School Committee however, to take place without any additional expense to the town for salaries,

Motion that we adopt the 6th recommendation of the committee. "That the outlying school-houses be retained as the property of the town, at least for the present year." 34 voting Yes 30 No and the motion declared carried.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Repairs and Fixtures Five hundred dollars ($500.)

Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous one hundred fifty dollars ($150.)

Art 2.d taken up

Voted that the Chairman of the board of Selectmen be the Agent of the Town to bring suit, and to defend any suit that may be brought against the town.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton April 10. 1901

I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots used at the annual town meeting held March 4, 1901 the package being sealed.

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 25. 1901

Miss Mabel L Howe appointed Assistant-Town Clerk in accordance with Chap 423 of the Acts of 1893 and 142 of 1895:

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Grafton March 25. 1901

Personally appeared Mabel L. Howe and made oath to faithfully perform the duties of Assistant Town Clerk before me

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusett respectfully petition the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton, Massachusett, North Village for a location for the poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz: East Street, from present line to residence of S. L. Davenport.

Dated July 29, 1901

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
of Massachusetts By Jasper N. Keeler
General Manager
J. F. B.

In Board of Selectmen
Grafton, Massachusett August 3, 1901

Voted That North Village the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthing fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under the permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

The poles shall be located between the traveled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual hight and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alteration shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the hight of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Voted to grant the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the following ~~and~~ the streets and highways above referred to: East Street, from present line to residence of S. L. Davenport.

Signature of Selectmen
G. H. Hutchins
G. B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue

Received Aug 3. 1901 at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
August 19. 1901.
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the nineteenth day of August 1901. at 8 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapt. 482. of the acts of 1901. relative to the election of Town Clerk, or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any money to fill and level the cellar holes on its land on North Street, or act thereon

Art 4th To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the moving of the Engine House in Grafton Centre, or act thereon,

Art 5th To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapt. 374, of the Acts of 1895, in regard to the election of road Commissioner at the next annual Town meeting, as petitioned for by Henry Mann and 12 others, or act thereon,

Art 6th To see if the Town will rescind the vote whereby it voted, "That the outlying school-houses be retained as the property of the Town, at least for the present year"

Art 7th To see if the Town will vote to sell the unoccupied school-houses and land in the outlying districts, namely: Brigham Hill, Waterville, Farms District, Merriam District, George Hill and Keith Hill,

or act thereon

Art 8th To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the New High School building including drainage and grading of the grounds, said sum to be borrowed by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, and assessed in the taxes of 1902, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Edward A. Estabrook
George B. Brooks.
George H. Huckins
J. Frank Donahue
William J. Maxwell
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, S.S.

August 12th A.D. 1901

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on friday the ninth day of August current: being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and the return thereon,

Attest Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Aug 19. 1901

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town at 8 o'clock P.M. Aug 19. 1901. and transacted the following business, namely: The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Art 1st Leyman M. Rice elected Moderator by acclamation

Art 2d. On Motion of Joseph A. Dodge it was Voted, That we accept the provisions of Chap. 482 of the Acts of 1901, and commencing with the annual meeting in the year nineteen hundred and two the Town Clerk be elected for the term of three years.

Art 3d. Motion made to pass over the art. and lost by standing vote. 34 voting yes 45 no Edward A Estabrook Chas M. Batchelder Tellers.

Motion by Joseph A. Dodge That the sum of $198.95 the amount realized from the sale of the old building on the North Street Lot and now in the hands of the Town Treasurer be and hereby is appropriated and held subject to the order of the School Committee for the purpose of leveling said lot and filling the cellar holes thereon. Standing vote taken 49 voting yes 26 no and the motion declared carried same tellers acting

Art 4th Motion to pass over the Art. motion not carried Voted to reconsider the last vote, and voted to pass over the article

Art 5th Voted to pass over the Art Yes 58. No 30

Art 6th Voted to pass over the art

Art 7th Passed over

Art 8th Motion to pass over. lost 40 voting yes 50 no by standing vote, same tellers.

On motion of Edward A. Estabrook it was voted; That the sum of Eighteen Hundred dollars ($1800.) in Additions to the accumulated interest of the

"School Improvement Fund" be granted to complete the new High School Building and that said sum be assessed in the taxes of 1902. Standing vote taken 51. voting yes 23. No. same Tellers. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Edwin A Howe,

Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting
September 5th 1901
Warrant.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the Fifth day of September 1901 at 8 o'clock, P.M., to act on the following Article, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the New High School Building including drainage and grading of the grounds, said sum to be borrowed by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, and assessed in the taxes of 1902 thereon accordingly.

(The motion voted under the above article at the special Town meeting, held August 19th 1901, gave no authority to borrow money).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy at the Post Office in the centre of said town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton

Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Edward A. Estabrook
George B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. August 28th 1901.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunderville, on Tuesday the twenty-seventh day of August current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and return thereon
Attest
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Sept. 5th 1901

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said town and transacted the following business. The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock p. m. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Art 1st. Evans Panin elected Moderator by acclamation

Art. 2d Edward A Estabrook made the following Motion, That for the purpose of completing the New High School Building and draining and grading the land belonging thereto, the sum of $2878.19 be, and hereby is, raised and appropriated and placed at the disposal of the building Committee elected September 6, 1900; said sum to be in addition to all sums heretofore voted for said High School purposes prior to the town-meeting held on the 19th day of August 1901.

Said sum, hereby raised and appropriated, to be borrowed by the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, upon the note or notes of the town, and to be assessed in the taxes for 1902.

Mr Charles M Batchelder made the point of order, that the Board of Selectmen, and one member of the School Committee, whose term of office terminated in March, and therefore were not members of the Building Committee elected Sept 6, 1900; The Moderator ruled that the point was not well taken, an appeal from the ruling was taken, and the ruling of the Moderator was sustained 35 voting yes 3 no, James F. Reilly & Theodore F Smith - Tellers.

Motion made to adjourn to one week from tonight at Eight o'clock, 8 voting yes 40 no, motion lost - Motion by Mr Estabrook put to vote and 41 voted yes 2 no. and the motion declared carried

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A. Moore

Town Clerk.

State Election Nov. 5. 1901

Warrant

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and for Two Representative to the next General Court for the Ninth Worcester Representative District, and for a District Attorney for the Middle District, a Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, County Commissioner, and two Special Commissioners for Worcester County.

The polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at one p. m., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

Pursuant to the within warrant, notice is hereby given that there will be a Special Town Meeting held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the above named day and place, to act on the following articles:

Art 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Committee, having in charge the sale of the High School building and land connected therewith, to sell the entire lot as conveyed to the Town by deed recorded with Worcester Deeds Book 741. Page 565 which includes the land

now occupied by the lock-up so-called, or take any action in regard thereto,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Edward A. Estabrook.
George H. Huckins.
George B Burke.
William J. Maxwell
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, SS. October 28th 1901

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the 26th day of October current, being seven days ~~days~~ at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon.
Attest
Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov. 5th 1901

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections, met in

the Town Hall in said Grafton at 7 o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday Nov 5. 1901 and transacted the following business
The meeting was called to order by William J Maxwell one of the Selectmen, and the warrant read by the Town Clerk The cards of instruction and Specimen ballots were posted as by law directed. The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth were delivered to the Ballot-Clerks Clarence N Putnam & George H Huckins who had been duly sworn by the Town Clerk Walter S Carpenter Francis E Huckins William J Cole William E Donovan and Charles M. Batchelder Sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk.
The ballot-box was opened, examined and shown to be empty it was then locked and the Keys given to William A Getchell the Constable in charge at the Polls. the register standing 0000.
The polls were declared open at 7-30 o'clock
William J Maxwell and J Frank Donahue in charge of the check list at the Polls. Voted to close the polls at 4 o'clock p.m.
During the voting the ballot-box opened for the purpose of removing ballots for counting the first time 100 ballots the second 201. the third 100 ballots taken out-
Due notice having been given, the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock p.m. The register standing 403. the box was then opened and 3 ballots were taken making in all four hundred and three ballots. at each time ballots were removed from the box they were counted in an audible voice, The names checked ~~at~~ on the lists of voters both at the polls and at the table of the ballot clerks were counted in the manner prescribed by law. and there were four hundred and three names checked.
The tellers having canvassed the votes given in, declaration thereof was made in open meeting as follows

For Governor.

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill had eight- (8)
W. Murry Crane of Dalton two hundred seventy seven (277)
John B. Lewis Jr of Reading eight- (8)

Josiah Quincy of Boston seventy six (76)
George H Wrenn of Springfield nineteen (19)
Blanks fifteen (15)

For Lieutenant-Governor

John De Bates of Boston two hundred seventy five (275)
John W. Coughlin of Fall River seventy two (72)
Alfred E. Jones of Everett six (6)
William H. Partridge of Newton thirteen (13)
Charles W. White of Boston twelve (12)
Blanks twenty five (25)

For Secretary.

Frederick W. Clark of Boston eleven (11)
Alonzo H. Bennett of Middleborough eighteen (15)
Jeremiah O'Sullivan of Abington eight (8)
William M. Olin of Boston two hundred sixty five (265)
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield sixty nine (69)
Blank thirty two (32)

For Treasurer and Receiver General

George E. Batchelder of Weymouth twelve (12)
Wendell P. Bosworth of Brockton fourteen (14)
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield two hundred sixty six (266)
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell sixty four (64)
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield eight (8)
Blank thirty nine (39)

For Auditor

James J. Dean of Salem seventy (70)
Frank Keefe of Weymouth eight (8)
John H. Smith of Dalton thirteen (13)
Frank Thompson of Plymouth sixteen (16)
Henry E. Turner of Malden two hundred fifty four (254)
Blanks forty two (42)

For Attorney General

Allen Coffin of Nantucket eleven (11)
John J. Hargraves of Worcester nine (9)
Herbert Parker of Lancaster two hundred fifty nine (259)
Arthur A. Putnam of Uxbridge seventy four (74)
Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield sixteen (16)
Blanks thirty four (34)

For Councillor 7th Dist.

Charles M. Jay of Winchendon sixty seven (67)
Lucius Field of Clinton two hundred seventy (270)
John J. Kelly of Warren seventeen (17)
Blank forty nine (49)

For Senator

John F. Barrett of Milford eighty six (86)
George H. Bennett of Northbridge nineteen (19)
Cornelius R. Jay of Blackstone two hundred fifty nine (259)
Blank forty one (41)

For Representative in General Court
Ninth Worcester District

Edward A. Estabrook of Uxbridge three hundred eight (308)
John D. Leonard of Northbridge sixty (60)
George W. Mason of Blackstone two hundred thirty two (232)
George E. Taylor of Blackstone fifty one (51)
L. M. Rice one (1)
Blank one hundred fifty four (154)

For County Commissioner

George W. Cook of Barre two hundred eighty two (282)
James C. Leahy of Worcester seventy six (76)
Blank forty five (45)

For Associate Commissioners

William A. Bell of Leicester sixty three (63)
D. Augustus Hoar of Gardner two hundred fifty nine (259)
Howard M. Keane of Leominster two hundred thirty (230)
Charles H. Wright of Worcester sixty seven (67)
Blank one hundred eighty seven (187)

For District Attorney

Rockwood Hoar of Worcester two hundred eighty nine (289)
James E. McConnell of Fitchburg seventy one (71)
Blank forty three (43)

For Clerk of Court

Thomas L. Brown of Worcester seventy eight (78)
Theodore S. Johnson of Worcester two hundred eighty four (284)
Blank forty one

For Sheriff.

Robert H. Chamberlin of Worcester two hundred ninety (290)
Charles P. Curley of Westminster sixty-nine (69)
Blank forty four (44)

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen, and countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The ballots cast and the check lists used at the polls and by the ballot-clerks were sealed up, and endorsed by the Selectmen and election officers, and delivered to the custody of the Town Clerk, in conformity with the laws in such cases made and provided,

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov. 5. 1901

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant (Page 444) the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton Nov 5. 1901 at 2 o'clock p.m. and transacte the following business

Art 1st Charles M Batchelder elected Moderator.

Art 2d On Motion Voted, That the Committee having in charge the sale of the old High School building and land connected therewith (elected Sept 6. 1900,) be authorized to sell the entire lot as conveyed to the Town of Grafton, by the Grafton High School Association, by deed dated April 8th 1862. and recorded in Worcester Deeds Book 741. Page 565. the Town reserving the right to the use of so much of the land as is now occupied by the Lock-up, so long as used for lock-up purposes, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized, at the request of said Committee, to execute and deliver proper deeds and instruments to convey and transfer the title to the same, on behalf of the Town

Voted to dissolve the meeting Attest

Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Meeting of Town Clerks

Commonwealth of Massachusett

Worcester SS, Northbridge November 16. 1901

In compliance with Section 195 of the acts of 1893, we the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the Ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at Chapel Hall in said Northbridge and canvassed the return of votes in said Towns for two Representative in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next; Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 5th day of November, A D. 1901 and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Edward A. Estabrook of Grafton has	225	308	313	122	188	1156
John D. Leonard " Northbridge	361	60	213	29	122	785
George W. Mayon " Blackstone	328	232	330	118	195	1203
George E Taylor " Blackstone	409	51	141	24	107	734
Le M. Rice		1				1
Blanks	203	154	225	57	134	773
	1524	806	1222	352	746	4653

Edward A Estabrook of Grafton and George W. Mayon of Blackstone, having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificate issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the

law requires.
In Witness Whereof, We, the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 15th day of November, A. D. 1901.

Attest

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Moore " " " Grafton
Joseph A Johnston " " " Northbridge
George E. Stone " " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " " Uxbridge

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

In Board of Selectmen
Grafton Massachusetts Dec 5, 1901

Voted: That The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and

and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Grafton Street from B. & A. R.R. to Shrewsbury town line

Edward A Estabrook
J Frank Donahue
W J Maxwell
G B Bonta
} Selectmen of Grafton

Received Dec 6. 1901 at 8. o'clock and 45 Minutes P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Hovey
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
December 23d 1901.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 23d day of December 1901 at Eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d To see if the town will, in accordance to Sect. 143 Chapt. 548 Acts of 1898 vote to instruct the Selectmen to prepare a division of the Town into convenient voting precincts.

As petitioned for by John Smith and seventy-four others

Art. 3d To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred seventy-five (575) dollars to be placed at the disposal of the School Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred in moving the furnishings, fixtures and apparatus from the old high school building and installing and setting up said furnishing, fixtures and apparatus in the new high school building; said money to further meet the expense of getting the latter building ready for occupancy, such as cleaning the desks, floors, woodwork and windows, fitting the building with outside windows, and providing such chairs, tables, curtains, etc. as were necessary; the above named sum of money is asked for, in order to avoid an overdraft in the appropriation of five hundred dollars, voted at the annual town meeting for Repairs, Fixtures, and apparatus

As asked for by the School Committee

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting

up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
George B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
William J. Maxwell
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. December 17th 1901

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Monday the Sixteenth day of December current at 4-30 P. M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon

Attest
Edwin A. Hovey
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Dec. 23. 1901.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at Eight o'clock P.M. on the above date and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Art 1st Charles M. Batchelder chosen Moderator

Art. 2d. The following motion was made by John Smith

That the board of Selectmen be authorized and are hereby instructed to prepare a division of the Town into convenient voting precincts in accordance to Sect. 163. Chap. 545 Acts of 1893.

On motion of David L. Fiske it was voted that the vote be taken by yes and no ballot and the check list be used Perley Goddard and Henry A. Campbell were appointed to check the names.

A ballot was taken on the motion of Mr John Smith and Seventeen voted yes and One hundred and eight-two and the motion declared lost.

Art. 3d. Motion by Francis M. McGarry. it was voted, That the sum of five hundred seventy five ($575.) ___ be and hereby is raised and appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expense incurred in moving the school furnishings, fixtures and apparatus from the old high school building and installing the same in the new high school building and to further meet the expense of getting the latter building ready for occupancy said money to be assessed in the taxes of 1902

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
January 30th 1902.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the thirtieth day of January 1902 at 8 o'clock, P. M., to act on the following articles to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow under the direction of the Selectmen the sum of five hundred seventy five dollars heretofore appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expense incurred in moving school furnishings, fixtures and apparatus from the old high school building and installing the same in the new high school building and to further meet the expense of getting the latter building ready for occupancy

As asked for by the School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Edward A. Estabrook
G. H. Huckins
J. Frank Donahue
G. B. Brooks
W. J. Maxwell
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. January 23rd. 1902.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Thursday the 23rd day of January current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed,

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton January 30. 1902

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, met in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P. M Jan. 30. 1902 and transacted the following business, to wit:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant-

Art-1st Charles M. Batchelder chosen Moderator, unanimously

Art 2 On Motion of Francis M. McGarry it was voted, That for the purpose of procuring the money necessary to meet the expence incurred in moving school furnishing, fixtures and apparatus from the old High School building and installing the same in the new High School building and to further meet the expence of getting the latter building ready for occupancy, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of the board of Selectmen such sum or sums of money not exceeding five hundred and seventy five ($575) dollars as may be necessary for the aforesaid purpose and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within not more than twelve months from the date hereof.

Voted to dissolve the meeting. Attest Edwin A Moore Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting
March 3. 1902.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on the Third day of March 1902 at 7 o'clock A. M, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st — To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for three years, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Rivercliff Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Common committee for three years, eight Constables for one year. And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name. The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock, P. M., or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. Also, to Choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3d. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and thereon,

Art. 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon,

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within said periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determin when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon,

Art. 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon,

Art. 7th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, and act thereon,

Art. 8th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town,

Art. 9th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use,

Art. 10th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon,

Art 11th To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of the General School Committee, or act anything in relation thereto, As petitioned for by Fred A. Dodge and others

Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to sell any part of the town farm, appoint any committee to investigate and report upon said matter, or otherwise act thereon,

As asked for by the Overseers of the Poor,

Art. 13th To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not exceeding one cent for each one hundred dollars of its assessed valuation, for the object of erecting a County Soldiers Monument and Devens Statue, in the City of Worcester, or act thereon,

Art. 14th To see if the Town will vote to sell the unoccupied school buildings and land in the outlying districts

namely: Brigham Hill. Waterville, Farms District, Merriam District, George Hill, and Keith Hill, or act thereon.

Art. 15th To see if the Town will appoint a committee to supervise the removal of the engine house on North Street, or act thereon. As asked for by the School Committee.

Art. 16th To see if the Town will vote to contract with the Grafton Electric Co. to construct five (5) lights on Creeper Hill Street in North Grafton, and appropriate money for the same, or act anything in relation thereto. As petitioned for by John A. Barry and others.

Art. 17th To see if the Town will contract with the Grafton Electric Co. to construct three (3) lights on East Street in North Grafton, between the residence of George B Brooks and the residence of Robert L. Hawes, and appropriate money for the same, or act anything in relation thereto. As petitioned for by Stearns & Davenport, and others.

Art. 18th To see if the Town will contract with the Grafton Electric Company to construct 3 lights on Ferry Street, Fisherville, and one at Wilkinsonville Crossing, or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 19th To see if the town will reconsider the votes of the town passed at the town meeting held on the third Monday of April 1901 with reference to the basis of expenditure by the School Committee, the use of money appropriated for schools, and the direction to Selectmen and to the town treasurer with reference to the order for payment and the payment of bills incurred by the School Committee and to declare the same wholly annulled and expunged, said votes being illegal and contrary to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth. And further that the report of the Committee of seven submitted to the meeting held on the third Monday of April 1901. be taken from the table, that the report be received without adoption of the recommendations contained therein, and the committee discharged.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
William J. Maxwell
George B. Brooke
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. February 24th 1902.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the 22nd day of February current; being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 3. 1902

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said town at 7 o'clock A. M. Monday Mar. 3.d 1902. and transacted the following business. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the officers return thereon.

William H. Holmes jr. and David Howie were appointed and sworn by the Town Clerk to assist in receiving and counting the vote for Moderator.

Art 1st Seyman M. Rice elected Moderator receiving all the votes cast (Fifteen) the check list being used. sworn by the Town Clerk.

Clarence K. Pedrani 2nd and Samuel C. Daniels 2d ballot-clerks and M. William Burns. Chas M Batchelder Wm E. Donovan. Democrats and Andrew J. Johnson. Walter S. Cafford Rep. Francis E. Huckins. Henry A. Campbell. Tellers were duly sworn by the Moderator.

Ballot-Box opened and shown to be empty with the register thereon standing 0000. Keys given in charge of Wm A. Belchell in charge at the polls.

Art 2. Polls declared open at 7-30 o'clock A. M.

Motion that the polls be closed at 4 o'clock p. m. and immediately after the result of the vote for Town Officers is declared, and the ballots sealed up. the meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 8.th next at 1-30 o'clock P. M. and that no other business be taken up until that time. Amendment by Wm H Holmes Jr that it be until Thursday March 6.th at 8 o'clock P. M and the amendment carried by standing vote 8 voting yes and 4 no, and the original motion as amended was voted in the affirmative.

By order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the Ballot-box was opened and one hundred ballots removed for county and at the other times when one hundred fifty and two hundred respectively were taken out at each time they

were counted in an audible voice. The polls were declared closed. the regieter standing at six hundred thirty-nine the names checked both at the Polls and at the Table of the ballot-clerks were in a loud voice and there were six hundred thirty-nine names checked on each list. The box was then opened and the remaining ballots were taken out there were one hundred eighty nine making six hundred thirty nine ballots in all taken from the box. On motion of David L. Fiske it was voted to reconsider so much of the motion voted, whereby we voted that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday Mar 6th at 8 o'clock P.M. Voted that it be Saturday March 8th at 1-30 o'clock P.M.

The ballots having been counted public declaration was made as follows.

For Town Clerk for three years

Edwin A. Moore had four hundred thirty one. 431

Blanks two hundred eight

Edwin A. Moore declared elected and immediately sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by the Moderator in open meeting.

For Selectmen

George B Brooks had three hundred eighty seven	(387)
J. Frank Donahue " four hundred thirty eight	(438)
Edward A. Estabrook four hundred forty two.	(442)
Amos G. Getchell three hundred fifty one	(351)
George H. Huckins three hundred thirty five	(335)
William J. Maxwell four hundred twenty three	(423)
Wm P. Knight one	(1)
Sumner Leonard one	(1)

Blanks 817.

George B Brooks Sum by Town Clerk Mar 4/02 J. Frank Donahue Sum in open meeting by Moderator

Edward A. Estabrook Sum by Town Clerk Mar 4/02 Amos G Getchell Sum by Town Clerk Mar 4/02

William J. Maxwell Sum by Town Clerk Mar 4/02 declared elected

For Treasurer.

Arthur A Simmons had four hundred fifty-four (454)
Blanks 185
Sworn March 8th 1902 by Town Clerk
Arthur A. Simmons declared elected.

For Assessor for three years

Seyman M Rice had four hundred forty nine (449)
John E. McClellan one (1)
Seyman M. Rice declared elected, Sworn by Town Clerk Apr 3./1902
by Town Clerk
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For Tax Collector

Edwin A. Howe had four hundred ninety-six (496)
and declared elected, Sworn by Moderator in open meeting

For Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Sumner F. Leonard had four hundred forty two, (442)
David L. Fiske one (1)
Sumner F. Leonard declared elected Sworn March 4th 1902 by Town Clerk

For School Committee for three years.

Warren B. Maxwell had four hundred six (406)
Geo Searene one (1)
Warren B. Maxwell declared elected.

For Town House Committee three years

Edwin P. Goddard had two hundred seventy-one (271)
Clarence Sumner one hundred thirty three (133)
Blanks 236
Edwin P. Goddard declared elected,

For Common Committee three years

John E Sheridan had four hundred two. (402)
John E. McClellan one (1)
Blanks 236
John E Sheridan declared elected.

For Trustee, Riverside Cemetery five years

Charles L. Pratt had four hundred two (402)
John E. McClellan one (1)
Blank 236.
Charles L. Pratt declared elected.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery five years

George H. Huckins had four hundred (400)
Blank 239.
George H. Huckins declared elected

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery five years

Charles J. Wilder had three hundred forty (340)
Blank 299
Charles J Wilder declared elected.

For Auditors

Moses G. Beauregard had three hundred ninety nine (399)
Joseph D. Goddard three hundred eighty two (382)
Napoleon Tebo three hundred seventy seven (377)
Blanks 789
Moses G Beauregard Sum by Town Clerk Mar 5/02 — Joseph D Goddard sum marked by Town Clerk
Napoleon Tebo Sum by Ellsworth E Hoar J.P. Mar 5/02 — Declared elected

For Constables

James Carney had four hundred sixty two (462)
William A Getchell four hundred thirty two (432)
James W. Gould three hundred eighty (380)
James Harding three hundred eighty eight (388)
James C Reeby three hundred fifty three (353)
William P Spencer three hundred seventy four (374)
William Storrie three hundred eighty (380)
George A Dearborn seven (7)
Wm Carman five (5) Amos S Getchell three (3)
W. P. Knight one (1) Walter S Carpenter three (3)
H Mann one (1) Amos Getchell one (1) Sumner Leonard two (2)

C. H. Elliot one (1) Theo F. Smith two (2) Geo Hartnett one (1)
N. S. Clifford one (1) Russell Tinker one (1)
Wm E. Leeland one (1) Jas T. Fahey one (1) Blank 2312
And the following were declared elected
James Carney sworn in open Town meeting by Moderator
William A Getchell sworn in open Town meeting by moderator
James W. Gould sworn by Ellsworth E Howe J.P. Mar 8/02
James Harding sworn by Ellsworth E Howe J.P. " 8/02
James Keeby sworn by Ellsworth E Howe J.P. " 8/02
William P. Spencer sworn by Town Clerk March 5th - 1902
William Storrie sworn March 8/02 by Town Clerk
George A. Dearborn.

Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town

Yes	three hundred twenty four	(324)
No	two hundred ninety three	293

The ballots cast and the check lists used were sealed up in seperate packages, indorsed by the proper officer and delivered to the Town Clerk as required by Law.
meeting adjourned until Saturday March 8th 1902 at 1-30 o'clock P. M

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 8th 1902
Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town at 1-30 o clock p m March 8th. 1902 Seyman M. Lee Moderator in the Chair. On motion of David L. Fiske it was voted to adjourn for fifteen minutes until 1-45 o clock.

Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Pursuant to adjournment, meeting was called

to order at 1-45 o'clock, P. M.
Voted to dispence with the reading of the records of the previous meetings.
Art. 2nd Taken up and George D. Lazarus was elected Tree Warden D. Webster Norcross, David L. Fiske, and Perley Goddard elected fence viewers by acclamation and duly sworn by the Moderator in open meeting.
Henry Prentice and D. Webster Norcross sworn by Town Clerk March 5, 1902 elected Field drivers
Voted that the remaining Town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.
Art. 3 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed with the following correction on page 33, Poor Department should read unexpended $117.02 making totals $7,379.34.
Voted to accept the report of Town Treasurer as printed
Voted to accept the report of Tax Collector as printed.
Voted to accept the report of Tree Warden as printed.
Voted to accept the report of Supt. of Streets as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Assessors as printed.
Voted to accept the report of Overseer of Poor, as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the C. Master of A.R. Sprague Post 24. G.A.R. as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept. as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Common Committee as printed.
Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library as printed.
Voted to accepept the report of the Town House Committee as printed
Voted to accept the report of the Building Committee for School Improvement as printed.
Voted that the School Committee report be laid on

on the table until after article 19 has been acted up

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to pay bonds coming due in 1902.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars for interest.

Voted to pass over the recommendation for Schools.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve hundred dollars for the Fire Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five hundred Dollars for Highway repairs.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen thousand eight hundred and fifty Dollars as recommended by the School Committee for Schools.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred dollars for Sidewalks equally divided between the Centre North and South part of Town.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars for the Support of the Poor.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars for Salaries of Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer and School Committee.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for Town Clerk Salary

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars for Salary of Town Treasurer.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars for Salary of School Committee.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred thirty seven $^{50}/_{100}$ dollars for Salary of Supt of Schools.

Voted the proceeds of the Dog Tuned to the Free Public Library

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars for Hydrant Rental.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-four hundred seventy two dollars for Electric St Lights

Voted to raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for Memorial Day

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the care of the Common.

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for Soldiers Relief

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty dollars for books of the Collector and Treasurer,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for Sewer bills,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for Insurance,

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Military Aid

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to suppress the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for care of Riverside Cemetery,

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for care of Fairview Cemetery.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for care of Pine Grove Cemetery.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for Shade Trees.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for Town House expenses

Art. 5. Voted, that no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town; that the Collector shall pay all money collected, to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one percent,

Art. 6. Voted, That it be ten dollars,

Art. 7. Voted, to accept the list as presented by the Selectmen with the exception of Edward F. Chamberlin.

Voted, to add the name of E. Clifford Hall. (See list in Page 472)

Art. 8. Voted, That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of, the Town of Grafton, in

anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approv of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet the wants of the town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon. And any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 9. Voted. That the Collector be so authorized

Art. 10 Passed over (appropriation already made)

Art 11 The following motion made by Fred A Dodge, That we add three members to our present board of School Committee at our next annual election one of the added members to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years and each year thereafter choose two members for the term of three years." Amendment by Chas M Batchelder that we add one members ~~two~~ chosen one year ~~two~~ for two years and two for three years. Amendment lost and the original motion was voted by standing vote Chas M. Batchelder and Francis E Huckins Tellers and forty five voted yes and forty two no and the motion declared carried in the affirmative.

Art. 12. On Motion of Henry Le Banister it was Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting Moderator appointed the Chairman of the Overseers of Poor Henry Le Banister, the Chairman of the Selectmen Edward A. Estabrook and Hon John E. McClellan.

Art. 13. On Motion of Benj. F Gibson, Voted, That we raise and appropriate one hundred fifty dollars for the object of erecting a County Soldiers Monument and Decora Statue, in the City of Worcester

Art. 15 Voted, That the Selectmen and Fire Engineers be a Committee to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting

On Motion of Henry L. Banister it was Voted That when we adjourn, it be until next Saturday (Mar 15.) at 2 o'clock P.M.

Art. 16 Voted, to pass over the article,

Art. 17. On Motion of Stearns L. Davenport it was Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Grafton Electric Company for the construction of three lights between the residence of Geo B. Bruce and the residence of Robert L. Hawes on East Street in North Grafton, and that the sum of thirty six dollars be raised and appropriated for the same,

Art. 18. Voted, to pass over the article,

Art. 14. On Motion of Edward A. Estabrook it was Voted, That the Town vote to sell the unoccupied School buildings and land in the outlying districts, namely, Brigham Hill, Waterville, Farms District, Merrians District, George Hill and Keith Hill, at Auction under the direction of the School Committee

This should have been inserted before Art 15

Art. 19. Motion to pass over, vote taken by Standing vote Chas M. Batchelder & Francis E. Huckins Tellers 20 voting yes 23. No. motion lost

Francis M. McGarry made the following motion That the votes of the Town passed at the Town meeting held on the third Monday of April 1901, with reference to the basis of expenditures by the School Committee, the use of money appropriated for Schools and the direction to the Selectmen and to the Town treasurer, with reference to the order for payment and the payment of bills incurred, by the School Committee be reconsidered: A Standing vote taken Chas M. Batchelder and Francis E Huckins Tellers. and Nine voted Yes and forty two No. and the motion declared lost

Art. 14. Taken up. Voted, That the Town Treasurer at the request of the School Committee be instructed to execute and deliver proper deed or deeds to convey and transfer the title to the same, on the part of the Town.

Art 3. Taken up. On motion of David L. Fiske it was Voted, to accept the report of the School Committee as printed, except that portion which refers to the Committee of Seven.

The following is list of Jurors accepted under Art 7. on page 469

Adams, Erastus	Goddard, Charles	Pratt, Charles L.
Aplett, Cyrus R.	Goddard, Edwin P.	Pratt, Clarence R.
Aplett, Roland J.	Goddard, Joseph D.	Peters, George W.
Allen, George B.	Goddard, Perley	Pratt, C. Herbert
Banister, Henry L.	Hall, Henry	Putnam, Clarence M.
Bassett, David S.	Hartnett George	Redding Samuel H.
Batchelder, Charles H.	Hartnett John	Rice, Leyman M.
Brewer Thomas H.	Hawes, Robert L.	Robbins Charles E.
Brown John A. (Saunderville)	Howe Edwin A	Rogers Stephen S.
Casey, Maurice J.	Huckins, Francis E.	Severance Charles A.
Casey, John P.	Huckins George H.	Sinclair, E. Herbert
Chase, Daniel S.	Johnson, Andrew J.	Smith, Walter E.
Coville-Willis L.	Kirby, Alfred J.	Slowe, Fred A.
Daniel, Samuel C.	Knight-Willard P.	Slowe, Harris L.
Donovan, William E.	Knowlton Samuel H.	Slowe, Walter S.
Dunn Charles E. W.	Knowlton, Charles C.	Thurber Edward L.
Dodge, Fred A.	Leeland, Henry R.	Taft-H. Mortimer
Elliot, Aaron	Leeland, Samuel E.	Ward, James B.
Fahey James J.	Lincoln Dwight E.	Webb, Park H.
Fay, George A.	Logue, William	Wilde, William
Fay Walter E	Lynch Thomas J.	Williams Frederick S
Fiske, Daniel L.	Longley Charles W.	Wilmarth Thomas
Ford, Levi A.	Mackey Dean W.	Voted to add the name
Gaudette Napoleon	Merchant, William R	of Eldredge Hall.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday Mar. 15th 1902 at 2. o'clock P. M.

Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton March 15th 1902

Pursuant to adjournment from March 8th the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 2 o'clock P.M. Mar 15, 1902
Lyman M. Rice Moderator in the Chair,
Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M.
Voted to dispence with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 16. Voted to take up Art. 16th. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Grafton Electric Company for five (5) Electric Street Lights to be located on Creeper Hill Street in Grafton, and that we raise and appropriate Sixty Dollars therefor,

Art 18. Voted to take up Art 18. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Grafton Electric Company for four (4) Electric Street Lights to be located in Fisherville and one at the Wilkinsonville crossing, and that we raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Dollars therefor,

Art 2. Taken up. Voted that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be the Agent of the Town to bring suit, and to defend any suit that may be brought against the town.

Art 4th Taken up. Voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars for Miscellaneous.

Art 12 Taken up. Committee to investigate and report in regard to the sale of part of the Town Farm reported as follows,

At the annual Town Meeting held Mar 8th under Art 12th it was voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting, on the advisability of selling part of the Town Farm, Henry L. Baniels, Edward A. Estabrook John E. McClellan were appointed said Committee.

We beg leave to report that we have viewed the premises & examined the plan. We find that

distinct tracts of what might be called outlying lands. 1st the pasture on the north side of the farm joining the Kelley land, consisting of about 25 ac 2nd The Wood lot along the Millburg & Harry W. Smith roads containing 50 acres a small portion of which is pasture land. 3rd On the east side of Smith road south of cultivating land. There is about 45 acres of brush & pasture land. These three tracts contain about 120 acres, they can be cut off without materially reducing the Annual income of the farm. And from information at hand we believe these three tracts can be sold at a very substantial price. The plan of the farm calls for 210 acres, if the three parcels named contain 120 acres, there would still be left 90 acres all of which is cultivating land. Your Committee think that this is to much land for a Town farm, believing that it would be better to keep only so much of the farm as would produce with intensive culture what can be consumed on the farm. So we further recommend that the land fronting on the Northerly side of the County road from Harrington land to a point a little west of the farm barn, extending back to pasture land, first mentioned, be retained Also the triangular lot in front of the house, and that all the rest of the farm be sold whenever it can be done to good advantage to the Town. Therefore we recommend that "The Board of Overseers of the Poor" be authorized & empowered to dispose of any or all of this land at their discression as to price and all matters pertaining thereto. That the Treasurer be authorized and instructed by vote to convey the same, that the "Overseers of the Poor" shall in their next annual report what progress they have made in the disposal of these lands.

Groton Mar 15/1902 H L Bancroft
Edward A Estabrook
John E McClellan } Committee
March 15: 1902

On motion of Geo K Nichols it was voted that the Report of the Committee be accepted, and the recommendations be adopted

Voted, That the Town Treasurer at the request of the "Overseers of the Poor" be instructed to execute and deliver proper deed or deeds to convey and transfer the title to the same, on the part of the town.

Voted on motion of Perley Goddard that the money received be applied to the reduction of the taxes of the present year. and a motion was immediately made to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted that the money received be applied to the reduction of the taxes of the present year and was declared carried.

Voted that all money received for land sold shall be applied by the Town Treasurer to the payment of Town bonds.

Art 15" The Committee appointed to investigate and report in regard to the moving of the Engine House on Holt Street reported verbally that they would recommend its removal to the Faulkner Library Fund Land on Upton Street.

Mr A A Simmons presented the following motion

That the report be accepted and that the Selectmen and Engineers of the Fire Department be hereby authorized and instructed to cause the engine house now located near Holt Street in Grafton Centre to be removed to the Faulkner Library Fund land on Upton Street in said Grafton Centre at an expense not to exceed $50.00. and that the sum of $300. be and is hereby raised and appropriated and placed at the disposal of said Selectmen and Engineers for the purposes of said removal and for building suitable foundations for said building and for making any repairs thereto and necessary changes therein: said sum of $300. to be borrowed by the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen, upon the note or notes of the town and to be assessed in the taxes for 1902.

Mr Simmons said "In presenting this motion to

more the engine house on to land owned by the Faulkner Library Fund. I desire to say to the town on behalf of the Trustees of the Public Library who are the custodians of this fund, that the trustees offer no objection to placing the engine house on this land and seek no pledge from the town as to its later removal; but they call the attention of the town to the fact that some time in the future it is possible this land may be wanted by the trustees for the purpose of building thereon a library building, and should this contingency ever arise they would then expect the town to remove the engine house from said land."
Motion was then voted in the affirmative

Art 11. On motion Voted to take up Art. 11.

Rising vote taken Chas M. Batchelder and Francis E. Huckins Tellers 51 voting Yes 24. No.
Henry Felding made the following motion.
"That the town reconsider the vote passed under said article XI on March 8. 1902 whereby it was voted, "that we add three members to our present board of School Committee at our next annual election one of the added members to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter choose two members for the terms of three years" Voted that when the vote is taken that it be by Yes and No ballots, and the check list used Francis E. Huckins and Henry A. Campbell Tellers the result of the ballot was Yes 48. No 52 and the motion declared lost;
Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wire thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz.: Cross street between Main street and Hotel St. Germaine,

Dated April 14, 1902.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By Jasper N. Keller.

General Manager,

J. H. Burr

In Board of Selectmen

Grafton Massachusetts Apr 21 1902

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specification: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen. Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Cross street between Main street and Hotel St Germaine

Signatures of Selectmen G. B. Burpee
A. G. Getchell
W. J. Maxwell

ed and recorded
ril 21, 1902 4 o'clock P.M.
Attest.

Special Town Meeting
May 8th 1902.

Worcester ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the eighth day May 1902 at 8 o'clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see what action the Town will take touching the Will of Jerome Wheelock, late of Worcester, so far as it relates to the Town of Grafton, and appoint a Committee with full power to act in the name of the town in all proceedings in Court relating to said will and to enter into any compromise and take such other action as said committee may deem for the interests of the town or act in any way relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

J. Frank Donahue
George B. Brock
Amos G. Getchell } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss, May 1st A. D. 1902.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Wednesday the 30th day of April current - being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton,

A true copy of the
Warrant and the Officers return thereon.
Attest,
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 8th 1902.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton and the following business was transacted.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 8 o'clock P.M. who read the warrant.

1-1st Lyman M. Rice elected Moderator by acclamation

1-2d Voted: That

be and they are hereby appointed agents of the Town of Grafton with full authority to act in the name of the town in all matters relating to the will of Jerome Wheelock, late of Worcester, and to enter into any compromise relating to the allowance, provisions and meaning of said will and to sign any and all instrument touching the same, which in their judgment the interests of the town of Grafton may require. The powers of said agents to cease upon the final proof & allowance of said will.

Voted: That the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

by virtue of their office
and the Town Treasurer for the time being and three
citizens, whose term of office shall expire in case
of their election to either of these offices, be appointe
as the Committee provided for in the motion just
passed.
Voted; That the three citizens to be elected be elect
by nomination from the floor.
Hon John E McClellan was elected but declines
and nominated Chas H. Nelson, who was elected
also Hon George H Nichols and Albert L Fisher.
was elected
Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest.
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 10. 1902

Mabel L. Howe Appointed Assistant Town
Clerk (as per authority given by Chap 25 Sec 62
Revised Laws.) by me.
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Mabel L Howe personally appeared and qualif
as Assistant Town Clerk before me
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held May 5, 1902.
the following appointments were made
For Fire Engineers.
Henry Mann Solon F. Smith- David S. Bassett,
George H. Huckins. Amos G. Getchell
For Forest Fire Wards.
Seth Stockwell. John A. Brown. Perley Goddard. Leyman
M. Rice. Silas E. Stowe. David L. Fiske. Cyrus R. Axtell
Louis A. Snow. George H. Smith. + the Fire Engineers.
Keeper of Stock-Yd. and Pound
James Carney Sworn May 17, 1902 by Town Clerk
Agt for State Aid and Burial of Indigent Soldier
Edwin A. Moore
Public Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Lumber
Luther K Leland
Cornelius Sullivan
George Karnes.
Sealer of Weights & Measures.
Elisha D. Holbrook sworn May 22, 1902 by Town Clerk.

S. Walton Rice appointed public weigher
sworn July 10 1902 by Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting August 1st 1902.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Friday the first day of August, 1902, at 8 o'clock, P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1, To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2, To see what action the Town will take in regard to the suppression of the tree pest known as the "Elm Tree Beetle" and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post-Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post-Offices in North-Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this the Twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Edward A. Estabrook
Amos G. Getchell
George B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. July 25th 1902

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville on Friday the 25th day of July current, at 3 o'clock P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy
of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.
Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton Aug. 1st 1902

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 8 o'clock P.M. Friday Aug. 1st 1902 and transacted the following business, to wit:

Art. 1. John E. McClellan elected Moderator by acclamation.

Art. 2. Voted. That the sum of One hundred dollars be raised and appropriated, and placed at the disposal of the Selectmen, for the suppression of the "Elm Tree Beetle." Said sum hereby raised and appropriated to be borrowed by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen; and to be assessed in the taxes of 1903.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to one week from tonight at 8 o'clock, and the Selectmen be requested to make a report of progress made, and what is needed.

Adjourned until Friday Aug 8th 1902 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Grafton Aug. 8. 1902

Pursuant to adjournment the legal voters met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 8 o'clock P.M. and transacted the folowing business.

John E. McClellan Moderator in the chair

Art 2 Edward A. Estabrook Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a verbal report that the time for spraying the trees was past for this year, the only thing that can be done now is to wash the trunks of the trees with Kerosene emulsion.

Voted to adjourn without date

Attest

Edwin A Core Town Clerk

Telephone & Telegraph.

The Newengland Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petition the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz.: Rebuilding and relocating on Snow street, between Grafton and Upton R.R. and Grafton Street.

Dat- Sept. 2, 1902

The Newengland Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By Jasper N. Keller
General Manager

G. H. Bry

In Board of Selectmen
Grafton Massachusetts, 190

Voted: That, The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated. All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limit of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen. Following are the streets and highways above referred to: Rebuilding and relocating on Snow street, between Grafton and Upton R.R. and Grafton Street.

Signature of Selectmen G. B. Burke Amos S. Getchell
J. Frank Donahue Edward A Estabrook
W. J. Maxwell.

Received Oct-14. 1902
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

State Election Nov 4. 1902

Warrant.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton,

in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the ninth Worcester Representative District, a County Commissioner, for Worcester County, and a Representative in Congress for the 3d. Massachusett District.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-15 o'clock, a. m., and may be closed at 4 o'clock p. m., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office, in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves

at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this the 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and two.

Edward A. Estabrook,
George B. Brooks,
Amos G. Getchell,
J. Frank Donahue,
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. October the 28th 1902.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Monday 27th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon

Attest
Edwin A Hoyt
Town Clerk

Grafton, Mass. Nov 4th 1902

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at seven o'clock A.M., on the above date
The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Estabrook Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.
The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered to the presiding officer by the Town Clerk

and his receipt - taken therefor.
Thad D. Smith Dem sworn as Ballot Clerk George B Brooks Rep one of the Board of Selectmen acting as Ballot-Clerk.
The Specimen ballots and Code of instruction were posted in the voting shelves and around the Hall as required by law.
The ballot-box was opened examined and shown to be empty, it was then locked and the Keys given in charge of William A Getchell Constable at the polls. the Register standing 0 0 0 0.
Francis E Hucking. Charles J. Wilder Republicans and Clarence N. Putnam. Joseph H. Bruzzese and Arrin Elliot - Democrats were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk
The ballot-box by unanimous Consent of the election officers was opened for the purpose of removing ballots for counting as follows
When the Register stood at 250 one 250 ballots removed
" " " " 553 " 100 " "
" " " " 600 " 250 " "
due notice having been given the polls were closed at 4 o'clock P.M., The Register on the box showing 667 ballots were removed making Six hundred and Sixty eight - ballots taken out - being one more than the number Registered each time the ballots were taken they counted in a loud voice,
The names checked on the list - at the polls and at the table of the Ballot-Clerks was counted as required by law and there was Six hundred sixty eight - names checked on each list.
The votes having been canvassed public declaration thereof was made in open meeting as follows
Whole number of votes Six hundred sixty-eight -

For Governor

John De Bates of Boston	had Three hundred Seventy two	(372)
Michael J. Berry of Haverhill	" Four	(4)
John C. Chase " Haverhill	" Fifty two	(52)
William A. Easton " Boston	" One hundred eighty-eight	188
William H. Partridge " Newton	" Twelve	12
Blanks	Forty	40

For Lieut.-Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	had Fifty two	52
Thomas J. Brennan " Salem	Five	5
Oliver W. Cobb " Easthampton	Sixteen	16
Curtis Guild Jr " Boston	Three hundred seventy three	373
Herbert G. Joyner " Great Barrington	One hundred fifty five	155
Blank	Sixty seven	67

For Secretary

Edward Buckland of Holyoke	Forty eight	48
Herbert B. Griffin " Winthrop	Twelve	12
Jeremiah O'Sullivan " Abington	Six	6
William M. Olin " Boston	Three hundred Seventy one	371
Willmore B. Stone " Springfield	one hundred thirty eight	138
Blank	ninety three	93

For Treasurer and Receiver Gen.l

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	Three hundred fifty seven	357
Joseph Chalifoux " Lowell	One hundred forty eight	148
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	Three	3
Daniel Parlin " Worcester	Twelve	12
David Taylor " Boston	Fifty	50
Blank	ninety eight	98

For Auditor.

David Morrison of Fall River	Seventeen	17
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton	Fifty one	51
Charles Stoeber " Adams	Eighteen	18
Thomas Thacher " Yarmouth	One hundred thirty six	136
Henry E. Turner of Malden	Three hundred fifty two.	352
Blank	Ninety four	94

For Attorney General.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	Fourteen	14
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester	Fifty two	52
John J. Flaherty " Gloucester	One hundred thirty seven	137
John A. Kenly " Lynn	Five	5
Herbert Parker " Lancaster	Three hundred sixty nine	369
Blank	Ninety one	91

For Representative in Congress
Third District.

George H Bemis of Spencer	Ten	10
Rufus B Dodge " Worcester	Three hundred forty two	342
Howard A Gibbs " Worcester	Thirty four	34
John R Thayer " Worcester	Two hundred fifty four	254
Blank	Twenty eight	28

For Councillor
Seventh District

Charles M Bowers of Clinton	Thirteen	13
Charles M. Day " Winchendon	One hundred forty three	143
John J. Keeley " Warren	Fifty one	51
Arthur H Stowe " Fitchburg	Three hundred sixty	360
Blank	One hundred one	101

For Senator, Fifth Worcester Dist

Burrell W. Morse of Oxford	Forty eight	48
Edward L Osgood " Hopedale	Three hundred thirty eight	338
Edward H. Taft " Mendon	Nineteen	19
Samuel B Taft " Uxbridge	One hundred seventy five	175
Blank	Eighty eight	88

For Representative in General Court.
Ninth Worcester District.

James Crichton of Northbridge	Two hundred fifty seven	257
J. Frank Donahue " Grafton	Three hundred thirty ~~four~~ six	336
Michael Fitzgerald " Blackstone	One hundred thirty ~~three~~ two	132
Frank B. Pratt of Shrewsbury	Three hundred six	306
Blank	Three hundred five	305

(Total number 1336,)

For County Commissioner

Thomas Laney of	Fitchburg	Forty six 46
James L Lenby "	Worcester	One hundred forty four 144
Charles A Parmenter "	Spencer	Thirty nine 39
Henry L Taft "	Upbridge	Three hundred fifty two 352
Blank		Eighty seven 87

The returns were filled out, signed by the Selectmen and Countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The ballots cast, and the check lists used were sealed up and endorsed the election officers and delivered to the Town Clerk in conformity with the law in such case made and provided.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Nourse

Town Clerk

Meeting of Town Clerks.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss. Northbridge, November, 14. 1902

In compliance with Section 257 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, we Town Clerks of the Towns of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, which Towns comprise the ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at Chapel Hall in said Northbridge, and canvassed the return of votes in said Towns for the Representative in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose on the 4th day of November, A.D. 1902 and was shown by the following Tabular Statement.

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
James Crichton of Northbridge had	193	257	465	134	273	1324
J. Frank Donahue " Grafton,	510	336	223	77	174	1320
Michael Fitzgerald " Blackstone.	715	132	244	34	215	1340
Frank B. Pratt " Shrewsbury	178	306	360	206	260	1310
Blank	272	305	324	153	238	1292
	1868	1336	1616	604	1160	6584

James Crichton of Northbridge and Michael Fitzgerald of Blackstone having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requi

In witness Whereof, We the Town Clerks of Blackstone Grafton, Northbridge Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 14th day of November, A. D. 1902.

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Moore " " " Grafton
Joseph A. Johnson " " " Northbridge
George E. Stone " " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " " Uxbridge

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Moore
Grafton Nov. 14. 1902 Town Clerk

Permit

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

In Board of Selectmen.

Grafton, Massachusetts Jan. 5th 1903

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

On the north side of the Common between North and Oak Streets; On the East side of the Common between North and South Streets; On South Street between the Common and residence of J. E. Norcross.

Edward A. Estabrook,
Amos E. Getchell,
Williams J. Maxwell
George B Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
} Signature of Selectmen

Recd Jan. 8th 1903 at 3. o'clock P.M.

Attest. Edwin A Harris Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
February 5. 1903

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Thursday the Fifth day of February next at 8 o'clock, P. M. to act on the following Articles, to wit;

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d. To see if the Town will vote to decrease the board of selectmen from five to three members, one member to serve one year, one for two years, and one for three years; each member to receive a salary of one hundred dollars a year: said change to take effect at such time as may be legal and proper.

Art 3d. To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed March 8. 1902. whereby the Town voted to increase the number of its School Committee from three to six members.

Art 4th. To see if the Town will vote to elect its road Commissioner by ballot.

As petitioned for by
James Houghton, and ten others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant

with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this the Twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

Edward A Estabrook
Amos G. Getchell
William J Maxwell
J. Frank Donahue
George B. Burke
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. January 29th 1903

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Wednesday the 28th day of January current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant, and Return thereon
Attest
Edwin A Hoyt Town Clerk

Grafton February 5. 1903

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 8 o'clock in the evening of said 7th 5th the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Leyman McKie made a motion that the meeting be dissolved Standing vote taken. F E Huckins & L Dawson acting as Tellers. Seventy votes yes and twenty six no. Vote declared carried and meeting dissolved

Attest Edwin A Hoyt Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting
March 2d 1903

Warrant

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Monday, the second day of March next at 6-45 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art. 2d To bring in and deposit their ballots for five Selectmen, a Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Auditors and eight Constables, all for one year; an Assessor Overseer of the Poor, one member of the Town House Committee, one member of the Common Committee, and two members of the School Committee, all for three years; Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, Trustee of Fairview Cemetery, for five years; and one member of the School Committee for two years and one member of the School Committee for one year. And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name. The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M., also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To hear the reports of the several Town Offices and Committees, and act thereon.
Art. 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determin when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector.
Art. 6th To fix the compensation of Firemen for the year ensuing.
Art. 7th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.
Art 8th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.
Art. 9th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use
Art. 10th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors or act thereon.
Art. 11th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the suppression of the tree pest known as the "Elm Tree Beetle," and to raise and appropriate money for the same.
Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to repair the Tomb in the old cemetery, Grafton Centre, and to raise and appropriate money for the same or act thereon.

Art. 13th To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 68. of Chapter 91 of the Revised Laws.
Art. 14th To see if the Town will accept the provisions made for it in the will of Jerome Wheelock and any compromise thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.
Art. 15th To see if the Town will elect Trustees to manage ~~to manage~~ the Jerome Wheelock bequest, fix the Term of Office of such Trustees, and act in any way touching this subject matter.
Art. 16th To see if the Town will accept the provision of Chapter 346 of the Revised Laws, Acts of 1902

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and three

Edward A. Estabrook
Amos G. Getchell
George B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
William J. Maxwell.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. Grafton, Mass., February 23rd 1903.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the 21st day of February current, being seven days before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed James Carney, Constable of Grafton,

Attest Edwin Olive Town Clerk

Clerk copy of Warrant and return

Grafton March 2d 1903

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 6-45 o'clock A. M. March 2. 1903. and voted

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant.

Art. 1st taken up. Seyman M. Rice elected Moderator by ballot - the check list being used the number of ballots cast being 6. all of which were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Thad D. Smith and George B. Brooks sworn as Ballot-Clerks

Art 2. Edwin A. Knapp. Samuel C. Daniels. Andrew J. Johnson. M. William Burns. Maurice E Kelley Clarence H. Putnam were sworn as Tellers.

The polls were declared open at 7 o'clock A. M.

The ballot box was examined locked and the Keys given in charge of William A Getchell Constable in charge at the polls. the register standing 0000.

Voted, that immediately after the vote for Town officers is declared and the ballots sealed up this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 7th at 1-30 o'clock P. M., and that no further business be taken up until that time. Polls declared open at 7 o'clock a.m.

By consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballot-box was opened and ballots removed for the purpose of counting at three different times when the Register stood at 114 - 257 - 591 and 100 - 150 - and 250 ballots removed after due notice the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P. M., with the register 661. the remaining ballots were counted out and there was 162 making a total of Six hundred sixty-two votes cast. the names checked on both the check lists were counted in an audible voice and Six hundred sixty-two names were checked on each list. Melvin E Johnson & Howard Dipper sworn as additional Tellers and Edward Putnam Teller

The votes having been sorted and counted public declaration was made as follows.

For Selectmen whole number 3380

J. Frank Donahue four hundred nine.
Edward A. Estabrook four hundred twenty.
Amos G. Getchell three hundred ninety-seven
George H. Huckins three hundred eighty-eight-
Sumner F. Leonard three hundred seventy-eight-
William J. Maxwell four hundred twenty seven
J. A. McClellan one and
Blanks 890

J. Frank Donahue, (Sworn by Moderator in open meeting
Edward A Estabrook, (Sworn by Town Clerk March 3. 1903
Amos G Getchell, (" " " " " 8 "
George H. Huckins, (" " " " " 3 "
William J. Maxwell, (" " " " " 3 "
were declared elected. " " " " "

For Treasurer whole number 662

Arthur A. Simmons four hundred sixty three
Blank 199.
Arthur A Simmons declared elected, and
Sworn March 3d 1903 by the Town Clerk

For Assessor for three years

Clarence Sumner four hundred twenty
Blank 242.
Clarence Sumner declared elected and
Sworn March 3d 1903 by the Town Clerk

For Tax Collector.

Edwin A. Hoare five hundred one
Blanks 161
Edwin A. Hoare declared elected and duly
Sworn by the Moderator in open meeting

For Overseer of the Poor for three years.
Henry L. Banister three hundred eighty four
Edward C. Barney one hundred thirty two
Blank 146.
Henry L. Banister declared elected.
Sworn March 4th 1903 by Town Clerk.

For School Committee for three years
whole number 132
Frank H. Clapp four hundred twenty seven
Anthony E. Dwyer two hundred twenty six
Francis M. McGarry two hundred ninety.
Blanks 381
Frank H. Clapp, Sworn Mar 3d 1903 by Town Clerk
Francis M. McGarry, Sworn March 4th 1903 by Town Clerk
declared elected

For School Committee for two years
Frank H. Clapp two hundred two.
George D. Seavey two hundred thirty four.
Blank 226
George D. Seavey declared elected.
Sworn March 4th 1903 by Town Clerk.

For School Committee for one year.
Ellsworth E. Hoare three hundred sixty-eight-
John A. O'Connell one hundred seventeen.
Blanks 177
Ellsworth E. Hoare declared elected
sworn March 4. 1903 by Austin S Kenyon Justice Peace

For Town House Committee for three years
Joseph E. Norcross three hundred ninety four
Blank 268
Joseph E Norcross declared elected.
notified March 3. 1903 accepted

For Common Committee for three year

D. Webster Norcross three hundred seventy two
Blank 290
D. Webster Norcross declared elected.
notified March 3. 1903

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery
for five years.

Joseph A. Dodge four hundred seven
Blank 255.
Joseph A. Dodge declared elected
notified March 3. 1903 accepted.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery
for five years.

George B. Allen three hundred eighteen
Aaron Elliot one hundred twenty five.
Blank 219.
George B. Allen declared elected.
notified March 3. 1903 accepted.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery
for five years.

Soren S. Davis one hundred fifty eight.
Ernest Littlewood two hundred fifty-eight.
Blank 246
Ernest Littlewood declared elected.
notified March 3. 1903 accepted.

For Auditor whole number 1984

John Barney one hundred sixty three
Moses G. Beauregard three hundred twenty-eight.
Joseph D. Goddard three hundred thirty two
Cornelius J. Sullivan one hundred forty eight.
Napoleon Telo two hundred ninety-eight.
Blank 717

and

Moses G Beauregard Sworn March 11. 1903 by Town Clerk
Joseph D. Goddard Sworn March 3. 1903 by Town Clerk
Napolean Peto Sworn March 5. 1903 by Ellsworth E Howe J. P.
were declared elected

For Constables — whole number 329

James Carney four hundred thirty seven. (Sworn in open meeting)
William A Getchell four hundred nineteen. (Sworn mar 5. 1903 by Ellsworth E. Howe Justice Peace)
James W. Gould three hundred seventy one (Sworn Mar 5. 1903 by Ellsworth E Howe Justice of the Peace)
James Harding three hundred eighty two (Sworn Mar. 5 1903 by Town Clerk)
William H. Moody three hundred ninety-eight (Sworn March 9. 1903 by Ellsworth E Howe J. P.)
James C. Reely three hundred forty eight (Sworn March 9 1903 by Edwin A Howe Town Clerk)
William Storer three hundred sixty-five (Sworn mar 5. 1903 by Town Clerk)
William P. Spencer three hundred seventy four
and they were all declared elected.

Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors. in this town

Yes three hundred forty eight-
No two hundred eighty four.
Blank 30.

The ballots cast and the Check Lists used were sealed up in separate packages and indorsed by the proper officers and delivered to the Town Clerk. Meeting was then declared adjourned until Saturday March 7th 1903 at 1-30 oclock P. M.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 7. 1903

Pursuant to adjournment from March 2d. the legal voters met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 1-30 o'clock P. M. March 7th 1903.

Seyman M. Rice Moderator in the Chair

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art. 2. Pelby Goddard Sworn in open meeting by Moderator
William H Moody. Sworn Mar 10th 1903 by Town Clerk
David Le Fiske " " 20. 1903 - Town Clerk
were elected Fence viewers by acclamation.

For Field drivers
Edwin P. Goddard Sworn in open meeting by Moderator
George W. Pelew.

For Tree Warden
William H. Moody
accepted Mar 10. 1903

Voted that all remaining Town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 3. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen as printed with the amendment on page 35 It should read Appropriation $1500.00.

Voted to accept the Treasurer Report as printed

Voted to accept the Tax Collectors Report as printed with this amendment on page 44 the Total should be $2982.14

Voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed

Voted to accept the report of the Common Committee as printed.

Voted to accept the report of the Tree Warden as printed

Voted to accept the report of the Supt of Street as printed

Voted, to accept the report of the Assessors as printed

Voted to accept the report of Committee elected May 8. 1902 in regard to the Will of Justine Wheelock, as printed

Voted, to accept of the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery as printed.

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as printed.

Voted to accept the report of the Quartermaster of A. B. R Sprague Post 24 G.A.R. (Relief fund) as printed

Voted to accept the report of Engineers of the Fire Dept. as printed.

Voted, to accept the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library as printed

Voted to accept the report of the Town House Committee as printed.

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

Art. 4th

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of fourthousand five hundred dollars for interest $4500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate twenty-three hundred dollars for Teaches of the High School, and immediately voted to recind the same.

Voted, on motion of A. A Simmons that we raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for Schools as recommended by the Committee $19250.00

Voted, on motion of Francis M. McGarry that we raise and appropriate three hundred seventy seven 67/100 dollars for full as a special appropriation 377.67

Voted, to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for the Fire Department 1200.00

Voted, on motion of A. A. Simmons "to raise and appropriate for the highways the sum of $4000, and that the highway department be instructed not to use upon the roads any sums to be derived from taxes returned by the State and the excise tax the current year, in addition to the sum here first named. $4000.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred dollars for sidewalks to be equally devided between the Centre, North and South parts of the Town. ($300.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty five hundred dollars and all receipts from farm Sales Cider and Taxes. 5,500.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for Salaries of Town Officers except Clerk Treasurer and School Committee 1,800.00

Voted to raise and appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars for Salary of Town Clerk 125.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Salary of Town Treasurer. 200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for Salary of School Committee 200.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate Six hundred thirty seven 50/100 dollars as Salary of Supt of Schools 637.50

Voted. to appropriate the income from the Dog Fund for the use of the Free Public Library (Dog Tax)

Voted. to raise and appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for Hydrant Rental 2,500.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate twenty six hundred twenty eight dollars for Street Lights 2628.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial day. 100.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for care of the Common 100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for Soldiers Relief. Chap. 78 R. L. 300.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate one hundred twenty dollars for bonds of the Treasurer & Collector 120.00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Snow bills five hundred dollars 500.00

Voted. to raise and appropriate six hundred dollars for insurance 600.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for Military Aid 100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for the Prosecution of persons for illegal sales of intoxicating liquors in this Town 300.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the care of Riverside Cemetery 100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the care of Fairview Cemetery 200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the care of Pine Grove Cemetery 100.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars for Shade Trees and 50.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for Miscellaneous 1500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars in addition to the Rentals, for the care of the Town House 500.00

Art 5, Voted, That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of this Town: that the Collector shall pay all money collected, to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent.

Art 6th
Voted that it be Ten dollars

Art 7th
Voted to accept the names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, namely:

Aylell, Cyrus R.	Brum, John A. (Saunderville)
Aytell, Roland J.	Casey, Maurice J.
Allen, George B.	Casey, John P.
Banister, Henry L.	Chase, Daniel S.
Bassett, David S.	Coville, Willis G.
Batchelder, Charles M.	Davenport, Stearns L.

Daniels, Samuel C.
Donovan William E.
Dunn, Charles E. W.
Dodge, Fred A.
Elliot Aaron
Fahey, James F.
Fay, George A.
Fay, Waller E.
Fiske, David L.
Ford, Leevi A.
Gaudett, Napoleon F.
Goddard, Charles
Goddard, Silas B.
Getchell, Amos G.
Getchell, William A.
Goddard, Edwin P.
Goddard, Joseph D.
Goddard, Perley
Hall, Henry
Harkness, George
Hawes, Robert L.
Howe, Edwin A.
Huckins, George H.
Johnson, Andrew J.
Kirby, Alfred J.
Knight, Willard P.
Knowlton, Samuel H.
Knowlton, Charles E.
Leland, Henry R.

Leeland, Samuel E.
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Loynd, William
Lynch, Thomas J.
Longley, Charles W.
Macker, Dean W.
Merchant, William R.
Pratt, Charles L.
Pratt, C. Herbert
Putnam, Clarence F.
Rice, Layman M.
Robbins, Charles E.
Robbins, George W.
Rogers, Stephen S.
Severance, Charles A.
Sinclair, E. Herbert
Smith, Solon F.
Smith, Theodore F.
Smith, Waller E.
Stowe, Fred A.
Stowe, Harris G.
Stowe Waller L.
Thurber, Edward C.
Taft, H. Mortimer
Ward, James B.
Webb, Park H.
Wilder, Charles J.
Williams Frederick S.
Wilmarth Thomas

Art. 8th

Voted, That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of, the Town of Grafton in anticipation of the Taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum

or sums as may be necessary to meet the wants of the Town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote, shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 9th

Voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a Collector may use

Art. 10th

Voted to pass over the art. (appropriation already made)

Art. 11th

Voted. That the sum of two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated, and placed at the disposal of the Selectmen, for the suppression of the "Elm Tree Beetle."

Art. 12th On motion of Joseph A. Dodge, voted that we raise and appropriate One hundred Dollars for the purpose of repairing the Tomb in the Old Cemetery Groton Centre. ~~and~~ to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 13th Voted to pass over. (Town already voted)

Art. 14th

On motion of A. A. Simmons it was voted, That the Town accept the provisions made for it in the will of Jerome Wheelock and any compromise thereof.

Art. 15th On motion of A. A. Simmons

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer, for the time being, by virtue of their office, and three citizens, Charles H. Nelson, Hon. George K. Nichols and Albert D. Fiske whose term of office shall expire in case of their election to either of these offices be elected as Trustees to manage the Jerome

Wheelock bequeath to the Town of Grafton. the said three Citizens to hold said office for the term of five years.

Art. 16th.

Voted, That the Town accept of the provisions of Chapter 346 of the Acts of 1902, and commencing with the next annual Town Meeting a Moderator be elected in the same manner as Town Officers are elected,

(Secretary of the Commonwealth notified Mar 13, 1903)

On motion of Charles M. Batchelder it was Voted unanimously, That the splendid gift bequeathed to this town by her son Jerome Wheelock, late of Worcester, in token of his life long interest in the place of his birth is received with grateful appreciation; that the eminent success of Mr Wheelock as a mechanic and manufacturer is a subject of pride and congratulation and will ever remain a worthy object-lesson to stimulate and encourage the live and endeavors of his towns' men.

Voted. That the Assessors be instructed to have the valuation printed this year before Oct 1. 1903

Voted to dissolve the meeting,

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Mar

J. Frank Donahue made oath to the faithful performance of the duties of Inspector of Cattle and Provisions before me

Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

New England Tel & Tel Co

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz.:

Location of one pole on Boulevard, so called, between Grafton and Upton Railroad location & Town Hall property belonging to town of Grafton, one (1) pole, also on Worcester St. one (1) pole.

January 24, 1903

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By Jasper N. Keller

General Manager.

J. N. K.

In Board of Selectmen.

Grafton, Massachusetts Feb. 2, 1903

Voted: That The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated. All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and

and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the polls, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to, Location of one pole on Boulevard, so called, between Grafton and Upton Railroad location & Town Hall property belonging to town of Grafton, one (1) pole, also on Worcester St. one (1) pole.

Edward A. Estabrook,
Amos G. Getchell,
William J. Maxwell,
George B. Brooks
J. Frank Donahue
} Signatures of Selectmen

Received April 6th 1903 at 10 o'clock P. M.
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton April 8. 1903
Walter S Sherman sworn as Special Police Officer
before me
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Napoleon King sworn as Special Police Officer April 8/03
by Austin G Kempton
Justice of the Peace
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Silas B. Goddard sworn as Field Driver Aug 15/03
by Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

New England Tel. & Tel Co.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz:
East street from our present line to Carroll street;
Carroll street from East street to Weldon street;
Weldon street from Carroll street to E. M. Rice, Farm.

Dated May 14, 1903

The New England Telephone and Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts,
By Jasper N. Keller
General Manager
J. F. A. By

In Board of Selectmen.
Grafton, Massachusetts May 13th 1903

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires to be placed thereon, as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.
All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications
The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height

and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

East street from our present line to Carroll street,
Carroll street from East street to Westboro street,
Westboro street from Carroll street to Co. M. Rice Farm.

Edward A. Estabrook
J. Frank Donahue
G. H. Huckins

Signature of Selectmen:

Received May 15th 1903 at 9-30 o'clock A. M.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Oct. 10. 1903

At a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen Ransom Cook was appointed Special Police officer

Edward A. Estabrook
Chairman Selectmen

To Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk a copy attest.
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Ransom Cook sworn as Special Police Officer
Oct 10 1903
by me
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
October 20th 1903.

Warrant

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Twentieth day of October 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to establish a system of night-schools and anything amendatory thereto and appropriate money for the same.

As petitioned for by

Anthony E. Dwyer and nine others.

Art. 3. To see if the town will appoint an agent to bring suit and to defend any suit that may be brought against the town, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Offices in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred three.

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
A. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. October 13th A.D. 1903

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of October current at 45 m past one P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Oct. 20. 1903

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P.M. on the above date

Art. 1st Lyman M. Rice, elected Moderator by acclamation

Art. 2d Motion by Samuel H Knowlton that we pass over the article, motion lost. Motion by Edward Demars that "the Town establish a system of night schools" no one being present to explain the needs of such schools, it was voted to adjourn for two weeks (Nov 3) at eight o'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

"

Town Clerks Office Grafton Oct 1903

Edwin A Howe Esq.
Town Clerk of Grafton, Mass.

My Dear Sir

At a meeting held at the Selectmens office, on Tuesday Evening, Sept. 8th 1903 the Selectmen with the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery elected Albert L. Fisher, as Trustee of Riverside Cemetery to fill out the unexpired term caused by the death of D. Webster Norcross. Edward A. Estabrook was made Chairman and J. A Dodge acted as Secretary.
Seven ballots was cast all of which were for Albert L. Fisher

Present of the Selectmen
Edward A. Estabrook Amos G. Getchell
Geo H. Huckins William J. Maxwell,
Riverside Trustees
Chas L. Pratt. Harrington L. Nichols
Joseph A. Dodge.

Joseph A Dodge
acting Clerk"

A true copy Attest-
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Recd Oct-31st 1903 (Notified Oct-31/03)

State Election Nov. 3. 1903

Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the third day of November next at 6.. 45 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General, of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatorial District and two Representatives to the next General Court, for the Ninth Worcester District, a County Commissioner for three years, also a County Commissioner for two years (to fill a vacancy), a County Treasurer, Register of Deeds (Worcester District), Register of Probate and Insolvency, for Worcester County,
And to vote (Yes or No. on the acceptance of Chapter 454, Acts of 1903, entitled" An Act to provide for Joint-Caucuses or Primaries of Political and Municipal Parties".

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at- 7. o'clock A. M., and closed at- 4 o'clock P. M.,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville. Fisherville and

Saunderville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

Edward A. Estabrook
J. Frank Donahue
William J. Maxwell
George H. Huckins
Amos G. Getchell
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. Grafton, Mass., October 26th 1903

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderville, on Saturday the 24th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the warrant and the return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass., Nov. 3. 1903

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections met in the Town hall in said Grafton at 6-45 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business, to wit

The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Estabrook Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as by law directed.

William N. Estabrook Rep and Thad D. Smith Dem were sworn as Ballot Clerks by the Town Clerk and to them was delivered the first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and their receipt taken for the same

Edward L. Thurber Dem sworn as Teller in charge of the Ballot-Box.

The Ballot-box was opened, examined and publicly shown to be empty. It was then locked and the keys given to W^m A. Getchell Constable in charge of the polls. The Register set at 0000. The Polls were declared open at 7. o'clock A.M.

Amos L. Getchell Rep and William J. Maxwell Rep. in charge of the Check List.

The Ballot-box was opened at 8-55 P.M. with the Register standing at 162 for the purpose of removing ballots for counting and one hundred and fifty ballots removed.

Charles J. Wilder Francis E. Hutchins Republicans and Clarence N. Putnam and Joseph H. Bourassa Democrats were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The box was opened at two other times and two hundred ballots removed at each time.

After due notice the polls were declared closed at 4. o'clock P.M. the Register standing at 677

the box was then opened and one hundred and twenty-seven ballots taken out: at each time ballots were removed they were counted in a loud voice. the whole number of ballots cast being Six hundred and Seventy seven (677).

The names checked both at the polls and at the table of the ballot clerks were counted in an audible voice and found to be Six hundred seventy seven each.

The Tellers having canvassed the votes given in public declaration was made as follows

For Governor.

John Q. Bates, of Boston, had Three hundred eighty-seven (387)
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem, Seven (7)
John C. Chase of Haverhill, Forty (40)
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton Twenty four (24)
William A. Gaston of Boston, One hundred eighty-nine (189)
Blanks Thirty 30
677

For Lieutenant-Governor

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury Fifty-two. (52)
Curtis Guild Jr of Boston Three hundred sixty one (361)
William F. Merrill of Malden Thirty (30)
Richard Olney 2d of Leicester, One hundred fifty-six (156)
Moritz E. Luther of Holyoke Seven (7)
Blanks Seventy one (71)
677

For Secretary.

Olof Bokelund of Worcester, Forty five (45)
John F. Coyle of Lynn, Eight (8)
Alfred S. Cutting of Weston Twenty three (23)
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield, One hundred twenty seven (127)
William M. Olin of Boston, Three hundred sixty two (362)
Blanks One hundred twelve (112)
677

For Treasurer and Receiver General,

John A. Billings of Rockland Forty four (44
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield Three hundred fifty eight (358
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford Twenty nine (29
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield Four (4
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth One hundred twenty seven (127
Blanks One hundred fifteen (115
477

For Auditor

John H. Hagan of Lynn Sixteen (16)
Joseph Orr of Chicopee Thirty seven (37)
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton Twenty eight (28)
Francois X Tetreault of Southbridge One hundred thirty (130)
Henry E. Turner of Malden Three hundred forty five (345)
Blanks One hundred twenty-one (121)
477

For Attorney General

John A. Anderson of Gardner Eleven (11)
William J. Carroll of Lowell Forty five (45-)
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park Twenty Eight (28)
John J. Haberly of Gloucester, One hundred twenty four (124)
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Three hundred fifty two. (352)
Blank One hundred seventeen (117)
477

For Councillor 7th District.

Christopher D. Albro of Milford Thirty three (33)
Arthur H. Lowe of Clinton Three hundred forty six (346)
John O'Gara of Spencer One hundred twenty eight (128)
Henry L. Rice of Fitchburg Forty seven (47)
Blanks One hundred twenty three (123)
477

For Senator 5th Worcester District

Burrell W. Morse of Oxford Forty seven (47)
Edward L. Osgood of Hopedale Three hundred twenty three (323)
Edward H. Taft of Mendon Thirty three (33)
Samuel B Taft of Uxbridge One hundred sixty five (165)
Blanks One hundred nine (109)
477

For Representatives in General Court
Ninth Worcester District

Cyrus R Axtell of Grafton	Seventy nine	(79)
J. Frank Donahue of Grafton	Three hundred eighteen	(316)
Michael Fitzgerald of Blackstone	One hundred two	(102)
George H. Huckins of Grafton,	Three hundred forty six	(346)
Daniel W. Toft of Uxbridge	Two hundred forty	(240)
Blanks	Two hundred seventy one	(271)
		1354

For County Commissioner

Andrew Davidson of Fitchburg	Forty five	(45)
Jeremiah Potter of Clinton	Twenty six	(26)
Emerson Stone of Spencer	Three hundred forty two.	(342)
Loren B. Walker of Clinton	One hundred thirty seven	(137)
Blanks	One hundred twenty seven	(127)
		477

For County Commissioner
(to fill vacancy) for two years

Gideon M. Aldrich of Uxbridge	One hundred thirty six	(136)
Warren Woodale of Clinton	Three hundred forty seven.	(347)
Charles K. Harding of Worcester	Fifty	(50)
Blanks	One hundred forty four	(144)
		477

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

George H. Harlow of Worcester	Three hundred fifty five	(355)
Maurice L. Katz of Worcester	One hundred seventeen	(117)
Thomas F. Maroney of Worcester	Forty five	(45)
Charles W. Park of Millbury	Thirty two	(32)
Blanks	One hundred twenty eight	(128)
		477

For Register of Deeds

Herman P. Hopkins of Millbury	One hundred sixty nine	(169)
Daniel Kent of Worcester	Three hundred fifty seven	(357)
Blanks	One hundred fifty one	(151)
		477

For County Treasurer

Edward A Brown of Worcester Three hundred fifty-eight- (358)
John Metcalfe of Worcester. Twenty five (25)
Nicholas Mooney of Worcester One hundred twenty-six (126)
Henry E. Potter of Fitchburg Forty five (45)
Blanks One hundred twenty-three (123)
477

Acceptance of. "An Act to provide for joint caucuses & primaries of all political and municipal parties"

Notified the Secretary of the Commonwealth 1/4/03

Yes One hundred seventy (170)
No One hundred forty one (141)
Blanks Three hundred sixty-six (366)
6.77

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen, and countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Clerk of Courts, and County Commissioners respectively.

The ballots cast and the check lists used at the polls and by the Ballot Clerks were sealed up in separate envelopes Endorsed by the election officers and delivered to the Town Clerk as required by law,

Meeting dissolved.

Attest

Edwin A. Hoar
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov. 3. 1903

Pursuant to adjournment from Oct. 20th 1903 the meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by Seyman W. Rice Moderator.

Records of the last meeting read and approved.

Art. 2 The motion before the meeting at the time of adjournment was. "That the Town establish a system of Night-Schools" after being discussed at length the motion was carried in the affirmative S. F. Deemarais made the following motion "That a sum not exceeding $30. be appropriated for Night-Schools, said sum to be raised in the Levee of 1904, and the whole matter be placed in the hands of the School Committee" the vote was taken by rising. S. L. Davenport and L. F. Deemarais were appointed Tellers. Fifty five (55) voted Yes and five (5) No. and the motion declared carried.

Art. 3d.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, be the Agent of the Town, to bring suit and to defend any suit that may be brought against the town, Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Meeting of the Town Clerks.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, ss, Northbridge November 13th 1903

In compliance with Section 257 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, we, the Town Clerks of the Towns of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the Ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at Chapel Hall in said Northbridge, and canvassed the returns of votes in said Towns, for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next.

Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1903, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Blackstone	Grafton	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Cyrus K. Aydell of Grafton had	18	79	55	11	13	176
J. Frank Donahue of " "	630	316	281	52	237	1516
Michael Fitzgerald of Blackstone "	705	102	276	33	276	1392
George H. Hickins " Grafton "	161	346	386	182	235	1310
Daniel W. Toft " Uxbridge "	199	240	398	136	331	1304
	185	271	232	122	172	982
	1898	1354	1628	536	1264	6680

J. Frank Donahue, of Grafton, and Michael Fitzgerald, of Blackstone,

having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In Witness Whereof, We, the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 13th day of November, A. D. 1903.

Attest:

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Howe " " " Grafton
Joseph A. Johnston " " " Northbridge
George E. Stone " " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " " Uxbridge

A true Copy
Attest-

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov. 13th 1903.

Special Town Meeting
December 15. 1903

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of December 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) to defray expenses of Evening Schools in the south part of Grafton.

The above said ($300.00) having been appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Evening Schools at the South part of Grafton at an adjourned town meeting held on November 3d. last 1903.

As petitioned for by Paul H. Bouttillette and nine others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting

as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

Edward A. Estabrook
Amos G. Getchell
William J. Maxwell
George H. Buckins
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. December 8th 1903

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunderzville, on Tuesday the eighth day of December current, at 15 past 2 P. M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore Town Clerk.

Grafton December 15, 1903

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at Eight o'clock P. M. Dec. 15, 1903 and transacted the following business.

Art 1 Charles St. Germain Jr elected Moderator by acclamation.

Art. 2. Voted, That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of Three Hundred (300.00) dollars, said Three hundred (300.00) dollars having been appropriated for defraying the expenses of Night Schools at an adjourned Town Meeting held Nov. 3. 1903.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Edwin A. Hoyt.
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting
March 7th 1904
Warrant.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Monday, the 7th day of March next at 6-30 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Arti. 2d To bring in and deposit their ballots for five Selectmen, a Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Auditors and eight Constables, all for one year; Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, one member of the Town Committee, one member of the Common Council and two members of the School Committee, all for three years; Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, Trustee of Fairview

Cemetery for five years; and one member of the Common Committee for two years to fill a vacancy, One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for two years to fill a vacancy, and a Moderator for one year.
And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question. "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" The votes for all the above offices will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 6-45 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.; also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 4th. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 5th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 6th To fix the compensation of Firemen for the year ensuing.

Art. 7th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 8th. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.

Art. 9th. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art. 10th. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new boiler for its Town House, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 12th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the invitation of the officials of the Town of Sutton to participate in its celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the settlement of the Town, or take any action thereon.

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will vote to establish six additional electric lights in the south part of the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 14th. To see if the Town will vote to establish an electric light on Millbury St. near the residence of James F. Brown, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 15th. To see if the Town will vote to adopt and add to the By-Laws of the Town, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of

meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 22d day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

Edward A. Estabrook.
Amos G. Getchell.
William J. Maxwell.
George H. Huckins
J. Frank Donahue
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. Grafton, Mass., February 26th 1904.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Thursday the 25th day of February current, being seven days ~~at~~ before the time of holding as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton,

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 7th 1904

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in election and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton March 7th at 6-30 o'clock a. m. when the warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1st taken up and Layman M. Rice was elected Moderator by ballot, the check list being used seven votes were cast for Layman M. Rice who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art 13th taken up.

Voted, That the matter be refered to a committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator, said committee to repot at the adjourned meeting. Committee appointed were Hon. George K. Nichols Edward P. Usher, Clarence R. Pratt, Thomas Wilmarth and Oliver M. Wing.

Thad D. Smith Dem. & William N. Estabrook Rep. were duly sworn as Ballot Clerks and to them was given the package of Official ballots. (996 ballots) and the receipt for same.

Samuel C. Daniels Rep. Andrew J. Johnson Rep. and Edward Thurber Dem. were sworn as Tellers Said Daniels and Johnson at the Check list and Thurber at the Ballot Box.

Voted that immediately after the vote for Town Officers is declared and the ballots sealed up this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 12th at 1-30 o'clock P.M. and that no further business be taken up until that time.

Art 2d taken. Ballot-Box opened & examined & found to be empty. Register standing at 000.

Polls declared open at 6-45 o'clock A.M.

Charles J. Wilder Francis E. Huckins Republicans and Clarence N. Putnam and Joseph H. Bourne Democrats were sworn as Tellers.

Box was opened several times while the voting was going on when the Register was standing at 146 and one hundred ballots removed for counting also at two other times when the Register stood at 366 and 566 and two hundred ballots taken out at each time making five hundred taken out before the Polls were closed. The polls were after due notice declared closed at 4. 6'clock P.M. the Register on the Ballot-Box Standing at 726. the ballots were all removed there being two hundred and two making a total number of ballots removed Seven hundred

two 702 being 24 less than ~~the~~ designated by the Register, each time the ballots were taken out they were counted out in a loud voice. The names checked on the list at the polls and at the table of the Ballot Clerks were counted and found that seven hundred and two names were checked on each list.
Maurice E. Kelley, Peter M. J. Prout - Democrats and George R. Newton and Melvin J. Wilmarth - Republicans were appointed additional Tellers by the Moderator and were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.
The ballots having been sorted and counted public declaration was made as follows.

For Selectmen. whole number 3576

J. Frank Donahue had Three hundred seventy
Edward A. Estabrook " four hundred fourteen
Amos G. Getchell " four hundred twenty one
George H. Huckins " four hundred fifty five
Sumner F. Leonard " Three hundred ninety two.
William J. Maxwell " four hundred twenty-nine
Cyrus R Chetelt " one
Le. M. Rice " one
Clarence R Pratt " one
Thomas Finn " one.
Blanks 1025. and
Edward A. Estabrook Sworn by Town Clerk Mar 12. 1904
Amos G. Getchell Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 11. 1904
George H. Huckins Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 12. 1904
Sumner F. Leonard Sworn in Open Meeting by Moderator.
William J. Maxwell. Sworn by Town Clerk Mar.
were declared elected

For Treasurer. whole number 702

Arthur A. Simmons had four hundred ninety-four
Blanks 208 and
Arthur A. Simmons was declared elected.
Sworn March 12th 1904 by the Town Clerk

whole number

For Assessor for Three years

Perley Goddard had four hundred fifty-six
Blanks 246, and
Perley Goddard was declared elected.
Sworn Mar. 8. 1904 by Town Clerk.

whole number 70

For Collector of Taxes.

Edwin A. Moore had five hundred thirty five
Blanks 166 and
Edwin A. Moore declared elected
Sworn in open meeting by the moderator.

whole number 70

For Coroner of the Poor for ~~three~~ years.

Samuel H. Knowlton had four hundred forty five
Waller N. Richardson . eighty two.
Blanks 175 and
Samuel H. Knowlton was declared elected.
Sworn March 9th 1904 before the Town Clerk

whole no 140

For School Committee for three years

Samuel A. Harlow had four hundred seventeen
Ellsworth E. Moore " four hundred forty six
Blanks 541 and
Samuel A. Harlow and sworn Mar 12/04 before Town Clerk
Ellsworth E. Moore sworn by Town Clerk March 12th 1904
declared elected

whole no 70

For Town House Committee for three years

Solon F. Smith had four hundred forty.
Blank 262 and
Solon F. Smith was declared elected
accepted. Mar 10. 1904

For Common Committee whole No. 702 for three years

John E. McClellan had four hundred sixteen
Blanks 286 and
John E. McClellan was declared elected
accepted Mar 9/04

For Common Committee whole No 702 for two years, Vacancy

William H. Moody had four hundred thirty five.
Blanks 267 and
William H. Moody was declared elected.
accepted ~~Mar.~~ April 4. 1904

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, whole no 702 for five years

John E. McClellan had three hundred ninety ~~five~~
Blanks 307 and
John E. McClellan was declared elected.
accepted Mar. 9/04.

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for two years whole no 702 Vacancy

Albert L. Fisher had three hundred ninety nine
Blanks 303. and
Albert L. Fisher was declared elected.
accepted Mar 10 1904

Fairview

For Trustee of ~~Pine Grove~~ Cemetery for five years whole no 702

Willis G. Coville had three hundred sixty five.
Blanks 337 and
Willis G. Coville was declared elected.
accepted Mar.

For Auditors whole No 2104

Mosee G. Beauregard, had three hundred ninety six
Joseph D. Goddard " three hundred eighty one
John E. O'Connell " one hundred eighty nine
Napoleon Debv. " three hundred forty two
Blanks 795. and

J. Osgood Nichols had ~~five~~ one hundred ninety four (194) (241)
Ashley W. Rice " two hundred forty one
Blanks 207
Ashley W. Rice declared elected

Moses G. Beauregard sworn by Town Clerk Mar 12. 1904
Joseph D. Goddard sworn Mar. 9. 1904 by Town Clerk
Napoleon Tebo.
were declared elected

For Constables whole number 561

James Carney had four hundred eighty nine
Charles A. Brown " four hundred nine
William A Getchell " four hundred forty eight
James W. Gould " three hundred eighty eight
James Harding " four hundred eleven.
William H. Moody " four hundred twenty four
James C. Reeby " three hundred seventy two
William P. Spencer " three hundred eighty four
James A. McGuinness " one
E. V. Hitchings " one
N. F. Gaudette " one
W. H. Oldenburg " one
L. B. Goddard " one and

James Carney, sworn in open meeting by the Moderator
Charles A. Brown, Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 12. 1904
William A. Getchell, sworn in open meeting by the Moderator
James W. Gould, sworn by Ellsworth E. Howe J.P. Mar 11th 1904
James Harding, sworn by Ellsworth E. Howe J.P. Mar 11th 1904
William H. Moody, sworn by Town Clerk March 8. 1904
James C. Reeby, sworn by Town Clerk March 12. 1904
William P. Spencer, declined to serve
were declared elected.

For Moderator, whole no 702

Charles M. Batchelder had one hundred forty six
Seyman M. Rice " three hundred fifty two,
Blanks 204, and
Seyman M. Rice was declared elected.
Sworn in open meeting by the Town Clerk

Shall Licence be granted for the ~~sale~~ whole no 702 of
Intoxicating Liquors in this town.
Yes, three hundred thirty ~~four~~ five
No, three hundred forty ~~five~~ four.
Blanks 23.

The ballots cast and the check lists used were sealed up in seperate packages, indorsed by the proper officers and delivered to the Town Clerk, after which the was declared adjourned until Saturday March 12th at 1-30 o'clock P. M.

Attest
Edwin A Cowee
Town Clerk

Grafton March 12th 1904

Pursuant to adjournment from March 7th the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Ha in said Grafton at 1-30 o'clock P. M. and transacted the following business viz:

Meeting was called to order by Leyman M Rice Moderator.

On Motion of Francis E Huckins it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 2d taken

The following named persons were elected

For Fence viewers by acclamation.

David L. Fiske. Sworn Mar 18/04 by Town Clerk.

Augustus E. Johnson Sworn Mar. 9/04 by Town Clerk.

Henry Hall. Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 14th 1904

For Field drivers

Henry J. Pushard

Leyman M. Rice. Sworn by Town Clerk in open meeting

For Tree Warden.

William H. Moody

Accepted April 4. 1904

On Motion of Francis E. Huckins voted that the Board of Selectmen appoint all other Town Officers for the year ensuing

Art 3d

The following reports were accepted as printed

Selectmen. — Treasurer. — Tax Collector.

Tree Warden — Supt of Streets —

Assessors — Overseers of the Poor.

Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery

Trustees of Fairview Cemetery.

G. M. of A.R. Sprague Post 24 G.A.R.

Engineers of the Fire Depailment.
Committee on Common.
Trustees of the Free Public Leibrary.
Town House Committee, School Committee.

Art. 4th.

Voted on motion of A. A Simmons that we raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred (700) dollars for the payment of Town Bonds.

Voted on motion of A. A. Simmons to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five hundred (4,500) dollars for the payment of interest.

Voted on motion of Ellsworth E. Howe that we raise and appropriate Nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty (19,650) dollars for schools.

Voted on motion of A. A. Simmons that we raise and appropriate Twelve hundred (1,200) dollars for the Fire Department.

Voted on motion of Edward A. Estabrook that we raise and appropriate Twenty-five (2500) hundred dollars for repairs of the highways and bridges.

Voted on motion of Evan Panin that we raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars to pay Snow bills.

Voted on motion of G. K Nichols that we raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars for Sidewalks.

Voted on motion of S. F. Seward that we raise and appropriate the sum of Forty five hundred (4500) dollars and the receipts from Farm, State, Cities and Towns, for support of Poor.

Voted on motion Geo K. Nichols that we raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen hundred (1800) dollars for salaries of Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committee.

Voted on motion of Chas. M. Batchelder, that we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and Twenty five (125.) dollars for salary of the Town Clerk.
Voted, on motion of Geo. K. Nichols that we raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars for salary of Town Treasurer.
Voted, on motion of John E. McClellan that we raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars for salary of School Committee.
Voted, on motion of Evan Panin that we raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-five, (725) dollars for salary of Supt of Schools.
Voted, on motion of H. L. Nichols that we appropriate the income from the Dog Fund.
Voted, on motion of H. L. Nichols to pass over the recommendation for the delivery of books to the Village.
Voted, on motion S. F. Smith that we raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five hundred (2500) dollars for Hydrant Rental.
Voted, on motion of A. A Simmons that we raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty six hundred and twenty eight (2628.) dollars for Street Lights.
Voted, on motion of C. M. Batchelder that we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars for Memorial Day.
Voted on motion of Geo. K. Nichols to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars for the care of the Common.
Voted, on motion of F. E. Huckins that we raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred (400) dollars for Soldiers Relief (Chap. 79 R. L.
Voted, on motion of F. E. Huckins to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twenty (120) dollars for Bonds of the Treasurer and Collector.
Voted, on motion of Evan Panin to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred (400) dollars for Insurance

Voted on motion of A A Simmons that the sum of One hundred Dollars be raised and appropriated for Military aid

Voted on motion of H. L. Nichols "that the sum of Two hundred (200) Dollars, together with any receipts now on hand or which may be received during the current year from sale of lots, be appropriated for the use of Riverside Cemetery"

Voted on motion of Ernest Leitherd that we raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars together with the receipts from the sale of lots for the care of Fairview Cemetery.

Voted on motion of A. G. Getchell that we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars together with the cash on hand and any receipts from the sale of lots, for the care of Pine Grove Cemetery.

Voted on motion of Geo. K. Nichols to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty (50) dollars for care of Shade trees Chap. 330, Acts of 1899.

Voted on motion of S. F. Smith that we raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars together with the receipts from the building for the care of the Town House.

Voted on motion of E. A. Estabrook that we raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for Miscellaneous.

Art. 5th

Voted, on motion of Samuel H Knowlton "that no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the by-laws of the town; that the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be 1 per cent.

Art. 6th.

Motion by Charles M. Batchelder that it be Ten (10) dollars Amendment by William A. Getchell that it be Twelve (12) dollars and amendment carried Motion as amended was voted in the affirmative was carried

A.D. 7th

The following names were accepted as prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box.

Adams, Horace H.
Aptell, Cyrus R.
Aptell, Roland J.
Allen, George B.
Banister, Henry L.
Bassett, David S.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brown, John A. (Saundersville)
Casey, Manuel J.
Chase, Daniel S.
Clark, Edward S., Jr.
Coville, Willis G.
Crayton, H. Leonard
Daniels, Samuel O.
Davenport, Stearns L.
Donovan, William E.
Dodge, Fred. A.
Dunn, Charles E. W.
Elliott, Aaron
Fay, George A.
Fay, Walter E.
Fletcher, William C.
Ford, Levi A.
Gearin, Daniel
Gaudette, Napoleon J.
Getchell, Amos G.
~~Getchell, Amos G.~~
Getchell, William A.
Goddard, Charles.
Goddard, Edwin P.
Goddard, Joseph D.
Goddard, Perley
Goddard, Silas B.
Hall, Henry
Hall, E. Clifford
Hawes, Robert L.
Howe, Edwin A.
Hartnett, George
Hucking, George H.
Johnson, Andrew J.
Johnston, James H.
Kirby, Alfred J.
Knight, Willard P.
Knowlton, Samuel H.
Knowlton, Charles E.
Lapierre, Raphael
Leland, Henry R.
Leland, Samuel E.
Leclaire, Joseph
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Loynd, William
Lynch, Thomas J.
Lingley, Charles W.
Macker, Deem W.
Merchant, William R.
Mrody, William H.
Putnam, Clarence N.
Pratt, Charles L.
Pratt, C. Herbert
Pratt, Clarence R.
Rice, Lyman M
Robbins, Charles E.
Robbins, George W.

Rogers, Stephen S.
Severance, Charles A.
Sinclair, E. Herbert
Smith-Solon H.
Smith, Theodore H.
Smith, Walter E.
Stockwell, Henry A.
Stowe, Fred A.
Stowe, Harris G.
Stowe, Walter L.
Taft, H. Mortimer
Thurber, Edward C.
Ward, James B.
Webb, Park H.
Williams, Frederick S.
Wilmarth, Thomas
Wood, C. Wesley

Art 8th-
Voted, on motion of Edward A. Estabrook
That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Uxbridge, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums not to exceed Twenty-five thousand dollars as may be necessary to meet the wants of the Town, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon, Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art 9th:
Voted, on motion of Francis E. Huckins
That the Collector be instructed to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, may use when appointed a Collector, may use,

Art 10th
Voted to pass over this article,
appropriation already made under Art 4.

Art. 11th.

Voted on motion of Solon F. Smith.

That we raise and appropriate Eleven Hundred (1100) dollars to provide a new Heating Plant for the Town House.

Art. 12th.

On Motion of John E. McClellan

Voted That the Town of Grafton accepts the invitation of the Town of Sutton to participate in its celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the Town, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to represent this town, at said celebration, The Chair appointed as such Committee Hon. George K. Nichols. Hon. John E. McClellan and Fred. A. Dodge.

Letter of Invitation

Sutton, Mass., February 9, 1904.

To the Chairman of the
Board of Selectmen,
Town of Grafton.

My dear Sir:-

The Town of Sutton will observe its Two Hundredth Anniversary, May 15-17, 1904. The Celebration will in every way befit its ancient and honorable career and include religious, educational and civic features.

On the evening of Monday, May 16, at Eight o'clock, a reception will be tendered the Officials of the Town. The Town of Grafton which formerly - in part at least - belonged to Ancient Sutton, is invited to bring greeting on that occasion to the "Mother of All".

Kindly call this matter to the attention of your Town at the Annual Town Meeting, that suitable action may be taken and an official appointment be made for this event and special function.

When such appointment is completed kindly notify the Central Committee of your action, advising us who has been designated for this neighborly mission.

Very truly yours.

Warren P. Sanders.

Central Committee Corresponding Secretary
On Bi-Centennial.

"

A copy

Attest

Edwin A. Hoar

Town Clerk.

Art. 13th-

Voted to pass over the article.

Art. 14th-

Voted to pass over the Article.

Art. 15th-

Hon Geo. K Nichol Chairman of the Committee appointed March 7th reported and on motion of Francis E Hutchins it was Voted that the report be taken up by article, and it was voted to accept of Art. 1-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11. Art 2 was refered back to the committee

Art 4 of the Warrant taken up.

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted to appropriate the income from the Dog fund for the Public Library. it was then voted that the income from the Dog fund be appropriated for the Public Library and that the Treasurer be authorized under direction of the Selectmen to advance to the Library out of any funds

available a sum not to exceed $300 said sum to be deducted from amount of the dog fund paid to the Library.

Art. 15th taken up.

Voted, on motion of Samuel C. Knowlton that we revise all votes whereby we have accepted Arts 1-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11 of the report of the Committee on By-Laws

Voted, on motion of A. A Simmons. "That the by-laws submitted by the Committee be refered back to the same for further Consideration, and that said Committee furnish to the Town Clerk a revised copy of said by-laws. that said Clerk have copies of the same printed and distributed to the voters at least three days before the time of meeting to which this meeting shall adjourn."

Voted. to adjourn to Saturday March 26th next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 26. 1904

Pursuant to adjournment from March 12th the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said town at 2 o'clock P.M. this day.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M by Seyman M. Rice Moderator.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art. 15. taken up.

The Committee on By-Laws reported that the report of the Committee had been printed and a copy sent to all the voters by the Town Clerk

Motion was made by Mr A. A Simmons that the report be taken up by sections, or Articles.
David L. Fisk moved that the meeting be dissolved
Mr A A Simmons moved a substitute That the meeting be adjourned to Saturday April 2nd next at 2 o'clock P. M. and it was voted in the affirmative

Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton April 2d 1904
Pursuant to adjournment from March 26th the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said town on the above date.
The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M by Seymour M. Rice Moderator.

Reading of the records of the last meeting omitted.

Art. 12th-

On motion of Hon. Geo. K. Nichols it was Voted, that the Committee already chosen to participate in the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town of Sutton, Mass. the names of Albert L. Fisher & Clarence H. Elliot be added.

Art 16th - taken up.

Motion before the meeting at adjournment was on Motion of A. A Simmons that the report of the Committee be taken by Sections or Article
On motion of Hon Geo K. Nichols it was Voted, that the meeting be adjourned to the First Monday in March 1905 at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest
Edwin A Moore Town Clerk

Fisherville (Grafton) Mass. March 11th 190

To Edwin A. Howe. Town Clerk.

This is to certify that this date appeared before me, James W. Gould, and James Harding, and made oath to the faithful discharge of the duties of Constable to which office they were elected at the Town Election held Monday the 7th day of March 1904.

Ellsworth E. Howe
Justice of the Peace

a copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

May 3rd. 1904

This is to certify that on the day and date above written that Frank L. Johnson appeared before me and made oath to the faithful discharge of the duties of Surveyor of Wood and Bark and Weigher.

Signed
Ellsworth E. Howe
Justice of the Peace

A. Copy Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Fisherville, Mass., May 13. 1904

This is to certify that on the day and date above written that Merlon J. Wilmarth appeared before me and made oath to the faithful discharge of the duties of Surveyer of Wood and Bark and Weigher

Signed
Ellsworth E. Howe
Justice of the Peace

a copy attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March. 29, 1904,
Personally appeared Burley Goddard, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Inspector of Animals and Provisions, before me

Edwin A Horr
Town Clerk

Grafton June 7. 1904,
Personally appeared Sloane L. Davenport and Edward O. Lindley and made oath that they would faithfully perform the duty of Public Weigers and Measures.
before me
Edwin A Horr Town Clerk,

Grafton July 11. 1904
Personally appeared. Samuel E. Leland and made oath that he would faithfull perform the duties of Sealer of Weight and measures.
before me
Edwin A Horr
Town Clerk.

Grafton January 12. 1905
Personally appeared Frank C. Barnicle and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of an Overseer of the Poor,
before me,
Edwin A Horr
Town Clerk

State Election
November 8th 1904,

Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the Eighth day of November next, at 6-45 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice-President, for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General, Representative in Congress for the Third Massachusetts District, a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatorial District, and two Representative from the ninth Worcester District to the next General Court, a District-Attorney for the Middle District, and a County Commissioner, two Associate-Commissioners, and a Sheriff, for Worcester County.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at seven o'clock, A. M., and closed at 4. o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to the within warrant, notice is hereby given that there will be a Special Town Meeting, held at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, on the

above named day and place, to act on the following:-

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote anything in relation to evening schools, and to raise and appropriate money for the same,

As petitioned for by A. E. Dwyer, and twelve others.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of section eighty-eight of chapter ninety-one of the Revised Laws, (relating to the protection of fishery).

As petitioned for by

William E. Fowler, and fifteen others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North-Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and four,

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Hickins
William J. Maxwell
Sumner F. Leonard
Amos G. Getchell

} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, S.S. Grafton, Mass. October 26th 1904

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville Wednesday the 26th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney, Constable of Grafton.

A True copy
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton, Mass November 8th 1904.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the town of Grafton, met in their Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday, Nov. 8th - 1904 for the purpose of giving their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and for State and County Officers. The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Estabrook, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots having been posted as the law directs, the ballot-box furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be used at elections, was then opened in public meeting and shown to be empty; the register having been set at 0000 it was locked and the Keys thereof delivered to Wm A. Getchell, Constable in attendance at the Polls.

The first package of official ballots (marked to contain 1050.) received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be used at this election was delivered to Edward A. Estabrook, presiding officer, and his receipt therefor given to the Town Clerk.

George H. Huckins 2d & Joseph H. Fitzpatrick 2d having been appointed Ballot-Clerks were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Edward L. Thurber sworn as Teller, and placed in charge of the Ballot-Box, Selectmen A. L. Getchell & Wm J. Marcuse at the Exit of Polls. Polls were declared open at 7. o'clock A. M.

Francis E. Huckins 2d, Joseph H. Bourassa 2d and Clarence N. Putnam 2d sworn as Tellers.

At 8-10 a.m. the Register showed that 103 ballots had been deposited in the box, and by unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk the ballot-box was opened and one hundred (100) ballots taken therefrom for the purpose of counting.

The ballot-box was again opened when the Register stood at 320 and two hundred (200) ballots removed

also when at 6 5/8 and Three hundred (300) ballots taken out:

Adonias Arsenault, James W. Fanning, and Mack G. Beauregard, were sworn as additional Tellers by the Town Clerk.

Due notice having been given, the polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P. M. the Register standing at 684.

The names of those on the list of voters, both at the polls and at the table of the Ballot Clerks, which had been checked were audibly counted and found to be as follows:

List at polls Six hundred eighty four (684)
List at Table of B Clerks Six hundred eighty four (684)

The remaining ballots were taken out of the box and audibly counted. there being thirty four (34) making the total number of ballots cast Six hundred eighty four 684

The Tellers having sorted and counted the votes given in, declaration thereof was made in open meeting. as follows:-

Electors of President and Vice President.

At Large.

Frederick A. Nagler of	Springfield,	Three (3)
Charles N. Wentworth "	Lynn.	Three (3)
John Ellis "	Haverhill	Twenty eight (28)
Howard A. Gibbs "	Worcester	Twenty eight (28)
Patrick A. Collins of	Boston,	One hundred thirty five (135)
Henry W. Ely "	Westfield,	One hundred thirty five (135)
William W. Crapo "	New Bedford	Four hundred seven (407)
Edwin U. Curtis "	Boston	Four hundred seven. (407)
Napoleon B Johnson.	Milford "	Eleven (11)
William H. Partridge "	Newton	Eleven (11)
E. Kerry Brown "	Brockton	One (1)
George E. McNeil "	Cambridge	One (1)
Whole number. 1348	Blank	98

District No 1.

Herman Koepke of	Pittsfield.	Three	(3)
Edgar N. Whitaker "	Holyoke	Twenty eight-	(28)
Robert Abercrombi "	Greenfield	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Robert M. Woods "	Hatfield	Four hundred seven	(407)
Wilbur M. Purrington "	Williamstown	Eleven	(11)
Whole number 684		Blanks	50

District No. 2,

Henry Koffke of	Holyoke	Three	(3)
Alva E Fenton "	Springfield	Twenty eight-	(28)
William P. Hayes "	Springfield	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Norman P. Wood "	Northfield	Four hundred seven	(407)
Alfred H. Evans "	Northampton	Eleven	(11)
Alvin M. Shaw "	East Longmeadow	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

Dstict No 3,

John A. Fredrickson of	Worcester	Three	(3)
Louis F Weise "	Worcester	Twenty eight-	(28)
James E. Estabrook "	Worcester	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Calvin L. Page "	Southbridge	Four hundred seven,	(407)
Richard D. Murphy. "	Worcester	Eleven.	(11)
Francis Leander Kirly "	Worcester	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No. 4,

John A. Anderson of	Gardner	Three	(3)
Ernest C. Crisb "	Waltham	Twenty-eight-	(28)
Herbert H. Soyons "	Fitchburg	One hundred thirty five.	(135)
Waller Perley Hall "	Fitchburg	Four hundred seven.	(407)
Alfred Le. Cutting "	Weston	Eleven	11
		Blanks	50

District No. 5

John Kenney of	Lawrence	Three	(3)
John B. Cameron "	Lawrence	Twenty-eight	(28)
Peter J. Brady "	Lowell	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Newton P. Frye "	North Andover	Four hundred seven	(407)
George E. Batchelder "	Leyfield	Eleven	(11)
Horace B. Foster "	North Andover	One	(1)
		Blanks	(49)

District No. 6

James F. Daily of	Haverhill,	Three	(3)
Parkman B. Flanders "	Haverhill,	Twenty-eight	(28)
William B. Sullivan "	Danvers,	One hundred thirty five	(135)
George H. Dole "	Haverhill	Four hundred seven	(407)
James F. Peace "	Merrimack	Eleven	(11)
Benjamin Potter "	Swampscott	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No. 7.

Edwin S. Mayo, of	Everett,	Three	(3)
Alfred B. Culham of	Chelsea	Twenty-eight	(28)
Charles J. Barlow "	Melrose,	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Clarence F. Fernald "	Melrose	Four hundred seven	(407)
Henry A. Smith "	Stoneham	Eleven	(11)
Levi K. Pierce "	Lynn	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No 8

John J. Wall of	Cambridge,	Three	(3)
Charles W. White "	Somerville,	Twenty-eight	(28)
John H. H. McNamee "	Cambridge,	One hundred thirty five	(135)
George W. Perkins, "	Somerville	Four hundred seven	(407)
Joseph B. Bent "	Somerville	Eleven	(11)
E. Leonard McNeill "	Somerville	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No 9.

James F. Stevens	of Boston	Three	(3)
George W. Galvin	" Boston	Twenty-eight-	(28)
Emery D. Leighton	" Boston	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Francis L. Auld	" Boston.	Four hundred seven	(407)
William H. Park	" Boston	Twelve	(12)
Henry Lemon	" Boston	One	(1)
		Blanks	48

District No 10

John E. Eustace	of Peabody.	Three	(3)
Daniel W. Gorman	" Quincy.	Twenty-eight-	(28)
Lawrence J. Logan	" Boston.	One hundred thirty-five	(135)
Milton L. Page	" Boston.	Four hundred seven	(407)
Roland F. Alger	" Boston.	Eleven	(11)
Asa F. Hall	" Milton.	One	(1)
		Blanks	

District No. 11

George Nelson	of Boston.	Three	(3)
Jacob Haertl	" Boston	Twenty eight	(28)
John H. Lee	" Boston	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Thomas Sherwin	" Boston	Four hundred seven	(407)
Hiram B. Crosse	" Boston	Eleven	(11)
Phinehas P. Field	" Boston	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No 12

Carl D. K. Fredrickson	of Hopedale	Three	(3)
Herbert Mosman	" Stoughton	Twenty eight-	(28)
James E. Colter	" Hyde Park	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Abbott E. French	" Canton	Four hundred seven	(407)
William H. Cobb	" Newton	Eleven	(11)
George F. Washburn	" Westwood	One	(1)
		Blanks	49

District No 13,

Dennis Mc Goff	of New Bedford	Twelve	(4)
Jeremiah J. Sullivan	" Fall River	Twenty eight -	(28)
Charles L Ashley	" New Bedford	One hundred thirty five	(135)
Benjamin Anthony	" New Bedford	Four hundred seven	(407)
Charles A. Chase	" Swansea	Eleven	(11)
		Blanks	49

District No. 14,

Frank Bohnbach	of Boston,	Three	(3)
Charles E. Lowell	" Whitman,	Twenty eight -	(28)
Thomas C. Thacher	" Yarmouth,	One hundred thirty five	(135)
William A. Nye	" Bourne	Four hundred seven	(407)
Daniel F. Freeman	" Sandwich	Eleven	(11)
Thomas S. Hodgson	" Middleborough	one.	(1)
		Blanks	49

Governor.

John Quincy Adams,	of Ameebury,	Seventeen	(17)
John L. Bates	" Boston,	Three hundred forty seven	(347)
Michael T. Berry	" Leynn	Three	(3)
Oliver W. Cobb	" Easthampton	Forty five	(45)
William L. Douglas	" Brockton	Two hundred twenty five	(225)
		Blanks	47

Lieutenant-Governor.

Olof Bokelund	of Worcester	thirty one	(31)
John C. Crosby	" Pittsfield	One hundred eighty eight -	(188)
Frank P. Dyer	" Arlington	Eighteen	(18)
Curtis Guild Jr	" Boston	Three hundred fifty-eight -	(358)
Moritz E. Luther	" Holyoke	Four	(4)
		Blanks	85 -

Secretary.

James A. Brennahan	of Cambridge	Thirteen	(13)
Fanni J. Carey	" Williamsburg	Sixteen	(16)
Charles C. Hitchcock	" Ware	Twenty-two	(22)
Henry B. Seittle	" Newburyport	One hundred twenty-four	(124)
William M. Olin	" Boston	Three hundred eighty-two	(382)
		Blanks	126

Treasurer.

Hubert G. Bartlett	of Fitchburg	Thirty	(30)
Arthur B. Chapin	" Holyoke	Three hundred sixty-seven	(367)
Edmund D. Codman	" Boston	One hundred thirty-six	(136)
Andrew Mortensen	" Somerville	Five	(5)
Willard C. Wylie	" Beverly	Fourteen	(14)
		Blanks	132

Auditor.

Charles E. Burnham	of Worcester	Twenty-six	(26)
Walter J. Hoar	" Worcester	Fourteen	(14)
Charles Sleeper	" Plymouth	Twenty-one	(21)
Francis X. Telrault	" Southbridge	One hundred thirty-four	(134)
Henry E. Turner	" Malden	Three hundred forty-five	(345)
		Blanks	144

Attorney-General.

Henry M. Dean	of Hyde Park	Thirty	(30)
John P. Leahy	" Boston	One hundred thirty one	(131)
Herbert Parker	" Lancaster	Three hundred sixty-five	(365)
John Weaver Sherman	" Boston	Twenty-two	(22)
Thomas Sleeper	" New Bedford	Five	(5)
		Blanks	131

Representative in Congress.
3d Mass District-

John W. Brown, of Worcester Twenty-seven (27)
Rockwood Hoar " Worcester Three hundred ninety-nine (399)
John B Rattigan " Worcester One hundred fifty-two (152)
Blanks 106

Councillor

William A. Logtte, of Worcester, Three hundred eighty-seven (387)
Henry L Rice " Fitchburg Fifty-three (53)
Blanks 264

Senator
Fifth-Worcester District.

Cyrus R. Axtell, of Grafton Forty eight- (48)
Samuel E Hull " Millbury Three hundred thirty eight- (338)
Burrell W. Morse " Oxford Twenty seven (27)
Samuel B Tofft " Uxbridge One hundred fifty- (150)
Blanks 121

Representatives in General Court-
Ninth-Worcester District.

Thomas F. Casey of Uxbridge, One hundred fifty two (152)
Michael Fitzgerald of Blackstone One hundred seventy-seven (177)
Michael J. Flaherty " Northbridge Thirty-three (33)
John Gunn " Northbridge Three hundred sixty-seven (367)
George W. Mason " Blackstone Three hundred seven (307)
Blanks 332

County Commissioner, - Worcester.

Gideon M. Aldrich of Uxbridge, One hundred thirty four (134)
George W. Cook " Barre Three hundred seventy two (372)
Charles K. Hardy. Worcester Thirty two. (32)
Blanks 146.

Associate Commissioners, Worcester

Stephen K. Edwards,	of Southbridge.	One hundred eighteen	(118)
S. Augustus Moore	" Gardner.	Three hundred thirty three	(333)
Joseph H. Leyden	" Worcester	One hundred fourteen	(114)
Fritz-Wilhelm. August-Mind-	Fitchburg	Twenty one	(21)
George F. Morse	" Leominster	Three hundred thirty seven	(337)
Harry A. Webber	" Leominster	Twenty-seven	(27)
Whole number of ballots	1368	Blanks	418

District-Attorney
Middle District.

George E. Harris	of Leominster	Thirty	(30)
Thomas H. Sullivan	" Millbury	One hundred fifty two	(152)
George S. Tof-	" Uxbridge	Three hundred seventy eight	(378)
		Blanks	124

Sheriff. Worcester County

Maurice Barsky	of Worcester	Thirty one	(31)
Robert H. Chamberlin	" Worcester	Three hundred eighty	(380)
James R. Churchill	" Worcester	One hundred thirty	(130)
		Blanks	143

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen, attested to by the Town Clerk, sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Clerk of Courts respectively, as by law required.

The ballots and check-lists used at this election were sealed up in different packages, endorsed by the proper officer and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the law.

Meeting dissolved

Attest

Edwin A Moore

Town Clerk

Grafton Nov. 8th 1904

In pursuance to the foregoing Warrant (Page 554) the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall, in said Grafton, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said Nov. 8th 1904, and transacted the following business

The meeting was called to order by Seyman M. Rice Moderator; and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st On motion of Paul H. Boutillette it was Voted, "That the night school, established last year at Fisherville be continued for a period of thirteen (13) weeks: and that the sum of three hundred fifty (350) dollars be raised and appropriated therefor: and that the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to issue note or notes of the Town therefor to be paid out of the Taxes of 1905."

Art 2d On motion of George M. Newton it was

Voted, to pass over the article

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Edwin A Hove.

Town Clerk.

Meeting of the Town Clerks of the 9th Worcester Representative District.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester. ss. Northbridge Nov. 18. 1904.

In compliance with Section ... of Chapter 11 of the R. L. we, the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge, which towns comprise the ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at Chapel Hall in said Northbridge and canvassed the returns of votes in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next;

Said votes were returned to us as by law required and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1904. and was shown by the following Tabular statement:

	Blackstone.	Grafton.	Northbridge	Shrewsbury	Uxbridge	Total
Thomas J. Casey of Uxbridge had	571	152	311	40	329	1403.
Michael Fitzgerald " Blackstone "	648	177	359	45	243	1472
Michael Flaherty " Northbridge "	18	33	134	10	14	211
John Gunn " Northbridge "	265	367	513	214	285	1644
George W. Mayon " Blackstone "	351	307	474	163	241	1536
Blanks	237	332	273	172	214	1230
	2090	1368	2066	644	1328	7496

John Gunn, of Northbridge and George W. Mayon of Blackstone, having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificate of issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as the law requires.

In Witness Whereof, We, the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Grafton, Northbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge, have hereunto set our names this 18th day of November, A. D. 1904,

Attest.

James Heffernan Town Clerk of Blackstone
Edwin A. Moore " " Grafton
Joseph A. Johnston " " Northbridge
George E. Stone " " Shrewsbury
Edward Parker " " Uxbridge

Attest

Edwin A. Moore,
Town Clerk.

N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Petition

The Newengland Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts for location and for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires in the following named streets and highways of said town viz,:

South Street from end of present pole line to Old Upton Street.

Old Upton Street from South Street to George Hill Road.

George Hill Road from Old Upton Street to residence of Mrs. S. E. Stowe.

Sibley Street from Old Upton Street to residence of Geo. D. Leavens.

Millbury Road from State Road to res. of W. N. Richardson.

Waterville Street from Grafton & Upton R. R. tracks to residence of H. A. Campbell.

Creeper Hill Road from Shrewsbury St. to residence of A. B. Knowlton.

Main Street (1) pole near Post Office at North Grafton.

Upton Street from Grafton and Upton R. R. tracks to res. of S. F. Leonard.

Dat Nov. 17, 1904

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By. F. A. Houston
General Manager.

J. H. Bm.

A copy
Attest Edwin A. Hovey
Town Clerk

Permit.

In Board of Selectmen.

Grafton, Massachusetts Nov. 26th 1904

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above refered to:

South Street from end of present pole line to Old Upton Street.

Old Upton Street from South Street to George Hill Road.

George Hill Road from Old Upton Street to residence of Mrs. S. E. Stowe.

Sibley Street from Old Upton Street to residence of Geo. D. Seavens.

Millbury Road from State Road to res. of W. N. Richardson.

Waterville Street from Grafton-Upton R. R. track to residence of H. A. Campbell.

Creeper Hill Road from Shrewsbury St. to res. of A. B. Knowlton.

Main Street (1) pole near Post Office at North Grafton.

Upton Street from Grafton-Upton R. R. tracks to res. S. F. Leonard.

Signatures of Selectmen
Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
Amos G. Getchell
Sumner F. Leonard

Received Nov. 26. 1904 at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes P.M.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that on November 25th 1904 at 2 o'clock P.M. at the Court Room, Town House Block Grafton Center a public hearing was held on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to erect poles and other fixtures designated in the specification hereby endorsed and that I mailed at least three days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate, (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said Company under said specification

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting
March 6th 1905.

Town Warrant -

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the Sixth day of March next at 6-30 o'clock. a. m., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Artic 1st To bring in and deposit their ballots for five Selectmen, a Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Auditors and eight Constables, all for one year; a Town Clerk, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, one member of the Town House Committee, one member of the Common Committee, and two members of the School Committee, all for three years; Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, and One Overseer of the Poor for one year to fill a vacancy, one member of the Common Committee for one year to fill a vacancy, and a Moderator for one year. And to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the office voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for

the above offices at 6-45 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 4. o'clock P. M.; also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 2d. To hear the reports of the several Town Offi and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 3d. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Art 4th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 5th To fix the compensation of Firemen for the year ensuing.

Art. 6th To see if the Town will accept of the list of nam prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 7th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasure to borrow money under the direction of the Selectme to meet the wants of the Town.

Art 8th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art. 9th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons

engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors or act thereon.

Art. 10th To see if the Town will take any action in regard to rebuilding the Wheeler bridge, so called conjunctly with the State-Highway Commiss'n, or act thereon.

Art. 11th To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Watering trough at the Farwell place, so called, in North Grafton, or act thereon.

Art. 12th To see what action the Town will take about lighting its streets and Town hall, if any, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24. day February in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

Edward A. Estabrook
George H. Huckins
William J. Maxwell
Amos S. Getchell
Sumner F. Leonard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. Grafton, Mass., February 27th 1905

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Office in the Centre

of said Town and at North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 25. day of February current, being seven days before the time of holding said meeting as therein direct

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the Constables return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A Hoyt
Town Clerk.

Grafton, March 6th 1905.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 6-30 o'clock A. M. March 6th 1905.

The meeting was called to order by Seyman M. Rice Moderator, Edwin A Hoyt Town Clerk being ill Walter E. Smith was elected Town Clerk Pro tem. Three votes being cast. Check List was used and Warrant read by the Town Clerk Pro tem. he was duly qualified by the Moderator, Charles K. Dispeau Jr. and Maurice E. Kelley were sworn as Ballot Clerks and Andrew J. Johnson (R) John T. Fleming (D) and Walter S. Carpenter were sworn as Tellers by the Moderator

The Ballot-box was examined and shown to be empty. It was locked and the keys given to the Constable in charge of the polls, the Register in the box standing 0000.

Art. 2 taken up. Polls declared open at 6-45 o'clock A. M. Voted, That immediately after the

vote for town officers is declared and the ballots are sealed up, this meeting be adjourned until Saturday March 11th next at 1-30 o'clock P.M., and no further business be taken up until that time and the polls be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. By unanimous consent of the Moderator and Clerk the Ballot-box was opened at 8-12 o'clock A.M. and 100 ballots removed for the purpose of counting.

The following named persons were duly sworn by the Moderator. Francis E. Huckins - Samuel O. Daniels Charles J. Wilder and George Allen, Republicans and James Fanning, Clarence Putnam Joseph H. Bourassa. Adonias Arsenault - Democrats.

At 10 o'clock A.M. the box was opened and 152 ballots removed. also at - 11-12 A.M. and 100. more taken out again at - 1-12 o'clock and 200. ballots removed and at 3, 15 P.M. and another 100. taken out.

The Polls were declared closed at 4 o'clock P.M. The Register on the ballot-box standing 701. the names checked at the polls and also the Duplicat-check List at the Ballot-Clerks table were audibly counted and Seven hundred and one (701) names were checked on each list; the box was opened and the remaining ballots were counted out. there was 49 ballots making a total of Seven hundred and one (701) ballots cast.

The vote having been sorted and counted public declaration was made as follows:

For Town Clerk. for 3 years

Edwin A. Hoove, Two hundred forty two (242)

Blanks. 459

Edwin A. Hoove. declared elected

Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by John B. Scott Justice of the Peace Mar. 6. 1905.

For Selectmen.

Edward A. Estabrook had Three hundred fourteen (314)
Joseph E. Fitzpatrick " one hundred fifty five (155)
Amos G. Getchell " Two hundred five (206)
George H. Huckins " Two hundred seventy six (276)
Raphael J. Lapierre " Three hundred sixty one (361)
Sumner F. Leonard " Three hundred sixty six (366)
William J. Maxwell " Four hundred seventeen (417)
John E. McClellan " Three hundred eleven (311)
Frank H. Prentice " Two hundred fifty four (254)
and Blanks 846

Edward A. Estabrook, Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 9, 1905.
Raphael J. Lapierre, Sworn by Moderator in open meeting
Sumner F. Leonard Sworn by Moderator in open meeting
William J. Maxwell, Sworn by Town Clerk Mar. 11, 1905.
John E. McClellan, Sworn by Moderator in open meeting
were declared elected.

For Treasurer.

Arthur A. Simmons, had Four hundred seventy two, 1472
Blanks 229

Arthur A. Simmons, declared elected on
Sworn March 11. 1905. by Town Clerk.

For Assessor, for 3 years

Leyman M. Rice, had Four hundred sixty 1460
Blanks 241

Leyman M. Rice, declared elected
Sworn April 17 1905 by the Town Clerk

For Collector of Taxes.

Edwin A. Moore, had Five hundred two. (502)
Blanks 199.

Edwin A. Moore, declared elected.
Sworn by Leyman M Rice Moderator in Town meeting

For Overseer of Pov. for 3 years.

Augustus E. Johnson, had. One hundred seventy nine (179)
Sumner F. Leonard " Three hundred twenty six (326)
Blanks 196.

Sumner F. Leonard, declared elected
Sworn March 13th 1905 by Town Clerk.

For Overseer of Pov for 1 year
to fill a vacancy,

John A. Brown. had. One hundred fifty five. (155)
Frank C. Banister " Three hundred thirty nine (339)
Blank. 207

Frank C. Banister. declared elected.
Sworn Mar. 9th 1905 by Perley Goddard Justice of the Peace

For School Committee for 3 years.

George D. Leavens. had Four hundred ten (410)
Warren B. Maxwell. Four hundred thirty (430)
John E. Sheridan one (1)
and Blank, 561.

George D. Leavens, Sworn March 17th 1905 by Town Clerk.
Warren B. Maxwell.
were declared elected

For Town House Committee for 3 years.

Edwin P. Goddard, had. Three hundred eighty seven (387)
Blank 314.

Edwin P. Goddard declared elected.
accepted Mar 16. 1905:

For Common Committee
for 3 years,

John E. Sheridan had Four hundred twenty one. (421)
Blank 280.

John E. Sheridan declared elected
accepted March 17. 1905

For Common Committee for
1 year to fill a Vacancy.

Harrington Le. Nichole. had Two hundred fifty two (252)
Blanks 449
Harrington Le. Nichole declared elected
accepted March. 19. 1905.

For Auditor.

Moses G. Beauregard had Three hundred fifty nine (359)
Joseph N. Bertrand. " One hundred ninety (190)
Joseph. D. Goddard. " Three hundred thirty eight. (338)
John E. O'Connell " One hundred forty four (144)
Napoleon Tebo. " Three hundred fifteen (315)
Blanks 754.
and Moses G. Beauregard Sworn March 11th 1905. by Town Clerk
Joseph D. Goddard, Sworn March 14th 1905. by Town Clerk
Napoleon Tebo, Sworn Mar. 14. 1905: by Ellenuth Ethier J. of P.
were declared elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery.
for 5 years.

Harrington Le. Nichole, had Three hundred forty (349)
Blanks 352
Harrington Le. Nichole. declared elected
accepted March 19. 1905.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery
for 5. years.

J. Osgood Nichols, had One hundred sixty eight. (168)
John Smith " Two hundred thirty seven (237)
Blank 306
John Smith declared elected
accepted March 20. 1905.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery
for 5 years.

Albert Lo. Fisher, had Three hundred twenty-nine. (329)
Blanks 372
Albert Lo. Fisher, declared elected.
accepted March 10th 1905.

For Constables.

James Carney, had Four hundred forty five (445)
William A. Getchell, had Three hundred eighty-four (384)
James W. Gould, " Three hundred fifty (350)
James Harding, " Three hundred sixty-eight (368)
Napoleon King, " Three hundred fifty three (353)
James C. Reeby, " Three hundred thirty eight. (338)
William P. Spencer, " Three hundred forty six (346)
William Storrie " Three hundred forty (340)
Blanks 2684
and James Carney, Sworn by Moderator in open Meeting.
William A. Getchell, Sworn by Town Clerk March 11. 1905.
James W. Gould, Sworn by Ellsworth E. Hare J. of P. Mar 14, 1905.
James Harding, Sworn by Ellsworth E. Hare J. of P. Mar. 14, 1905.
Napoleon King, Sworn by Town Clerk March 20. 1905.
James C. Reeby, Sworn by Ellsworth E. Hare, J. of P. Mar. 14, 1905.
William P. Spencer.
William Storrie.

For Moderator

Leyman M. Rice, had Four hundred eleven (411)
Blanks 220.
Leyman M. Rice, declared elected.
Sworn by Town Clerk Pro Tem in open meeting
March 6. 1905.

Shall Licenses be granted for the
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town

Yes.	Three hundred seventy five	(375)
No.	Two hundred and ninety eight	(298)
	Blanks	28.

The ballots cast and the check lists used were sealed up in seperate packages, indorsed by the proper officers and delivered to the Town Clerk Pro Tem. after which the meeting was declared adjourned until Saturday March 11th next at 1-30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Waller E. Smith.
Town Clerk, Pro Tem.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Town Meeting.

Grafton March 6th 1905.

Pursuant to adjournment from April 2d 1904 the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall at 2 o'clock P.M., Leyman M. Rice Moderator presiding.

Art 15th The motion before the meeting at the time of adjournment was "that the report of the Committee be taken up by sections, or articles." On motion of Francis E. Huckins it was Voted, That the meeting be dissolved.

attest Waller E. Smith
attest Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk Pro Tem
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 11th 1905.

Pursuant to adjournment from March 6th the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 1-30 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business Viz:-

The meeting was called to order by Seymour M. Rice Moderator.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art. 2 taken up.

The following named persons were elected

For Fence Viewers by acclamation,

David L. Fiske, Sworn March 15th 1905 by Town Clerk.

Albert H. Gourdan, Sworn in open meeting by the Moderator.

Perley Goddard, Sworn in open meeting by the Moderator.

For Field drivers.

Frank C. Daniels, Sworn March 13/05 by Perley Goddard J.P.

Dennis P. Fleming.

For Fire Warden

John E. Sheridan accepted Mar 25, 1905.

On motion of Samuel H. Knowlton it was

Voted, That the Board of Selectmen appoint all the remaining Town Officers

Art. 3d taken up.

The following reports were accepted as printed Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Superintendent of Streets, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Warden, Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, Trustees of Fairview Cemetery, Trustees of

Pine Grove Cemetery. E. N. of A. B. R. Sprague.
Post-24. G.A.R., Common Committee,
Trustees of the Free Public Library.
School Committee.
The report of the Town House Committee was accepted with the correction that they should be change to correspond with the report of the Selectmen as the report concerning the Special appropriation for the heating plant should be Order 104 5; and the expenditure of 55; 11 should be added to the regular report for running expenses of the Town House.
Art 3 Taken up.
Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand ($2,000.) dollars for the payment of town bonds

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum Four thousand five hundred ($4500.) Dollars for the payment of interest, the ensuing year.
Voted, That we raise and appropriate nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty ($19.650.) Dollars for the support of Schools, the ensuing year.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred and fifty ($350) dollars for the support of evening School at Fisherville the ensuing year.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty ($1450.) dollars, for the support of the Fire Department the ensuing year.

Voted, That the sum of $3,000. be raised and appropriated for repairs to highways.
And the sum of $1,00. be raised and appropriated for snow expenditures exclusively. And that hereafter, the tax money received from and on account of the Street Railways shall

not be available for use by the Highway Department until the financial year next ensuing after receipt by the Town Treasurer of said Tax money.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (300.) dollars, for sidewalk devided equally between the Center, north and South part of the Town.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred (4.500) dollars and the receipts from the farm, State Cities and Towns, for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen hundred (1800) dollars for salaries of Town Officers, except the Clerk, Treasurer and School Committee, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five (125.) dollars, for salary of the Town Clerk.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars, for Salary of the Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars for salary of the School Committee, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred fifty six and 25/100 (756.25) dollars for the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we appropriate the income from the Dog Fund to the Free Public Library for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five hundred (2500) Dollars for Hydrant rental the ensuing year.

Voted to pass over the appropriation for Street Light

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for Memorial Day.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum One hundred Dollars for the care of the Common, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred (400) dollars for Soldiers Relief (Chapter 79 Revised Laws) for the year ensuing

Voted, that we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and fifteen (115) dollars for the bonds of the Treasurer and Collector for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for Insurance, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars for Military Aid (Chapter 79 R. L.) for the year ensuing

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars for prosecution of persons

engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (300) dollars for the care of Riverside Cemetery, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the care of Fairview Cemetery, for the year ensuing.

Voted. That we raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the care of Pine Grove Cemetery. for the year ensuing.

Voted. That we raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for shade trees. the ensuing year.

Voted, That we raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars and the income from rentals. for the Town House. the ensuing year.

Voted. That we raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for Miscellaneous expenses the ensuing year.

Voted. On motion of Samuel H. Knowlton. That we raise and appropriate the sum of fifty (50) dollars for seats at North Grafton to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted. On motion of A. A. Simmons, That the Treasurer is hereby instructed not to make any payment now or hereafter from the Treasury against any appropriation authorized by vote of the town, which payment if made would exceed in amount the sum total of said appropriation

Art. 4th - Voted, That no discount be made for the prompt - payment of taxes; that all taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the by-laws of the town; That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Treasurer once in ten days from the time taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation shall be one per cent

Art. 5th Voted That the compensation of Firemen shall be Twelve (12) Dollars the ensuing year.

Art. 6th - Voted, to accept the names prepaired by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury box namely:

Adams, Horace H.
Aptell, Cyrus R.
Aptell, Roland J.
Allen, George B.
Bassett, David S.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brown, John A. (Saylesville)
Casey, John P.
Casey, Maurice J.
Chase, Daniel S.
Clark Edward S., jr
Crayton, H. Leonard
Daniels, Samuel O.
Davenport, Stearns Le.
Donovan, William E.
Dodge, Fred A.
Dunn, Charles E. W.
Elliot, Aaron
Fay, George A.
Fletcher William C.
Gearin, Daniel
Gaudette, Napoleon J.
Getchell, Amos G.
Getchell, William A.
Goddard, Charles
Goddard, Joseph D.
Goddard, Perley
Goddard, Silas B.
Hall, Henry
Hall, E. Clifford
Hawes, Robert Le.
Howe, Edwin A.
Hartness, George
Huckins, George H.
Johnson, Andrew J.
Johnston, James H.
Kirby Alfred J.
Knowlton, Samuel H.
Knowlton, Charles E.
Lapierre, Raphael
Leeland, Henry L.
Leeland, Samuel E.
LeClaire, Joseph
Lincoln, Dwight E.

Leyond, William
Leynch, Thomas J,
Leingley, Charles W,
Macker, Jean W.
Merchant, William R,
Moody, William H,
Putnam, Clarence N.
Pratt, Charles L,
Pratt, C. Herbert
Pratt, Clarence R.
Rice, Lyman M,
Robbins, Charles E,
Robbins, George W,
Rogers, Stephen S,
Severance, Charles A,
Sinclair, E. Herbert
Smith, Solon F,
Smith, Theodore F,
Smith, Walter E,
Stockwell, Henry A,
Stowe, Fred A,
Stowe, Harris G,
Stowe, Walter L,
Sumner, Edward C,
Taft, H. Mortimer
Thurber, Edward C,
Webb, Park H,
Wilmarth Thomas

The following names were added to vote of

John Hartnett
Charles W Clark
David L. Fiske
Joan Panin,

Art. 7th Voted, That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Grafton, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums as may be necessary not to exceed $25,000, to meet the wants of the town and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year,

Art 8th Voted, That he be so authorized,

Art. 9th Passed over the Art. appropriation made under article 3rd.

motion by William E Fowler
Art 10th Voted, That a committee of three to consist of George K. Nichols, and two others to be appointed by the Chair be selected to confer with the State Highway Commission in regard to the rebuilding of Wheeler Bridge by this town in conjunction with the commission, and to ascertain the views and plans of the Commission relative thereto, and report at the next town meeting; and further that the said Committee be instructed to impress upon the Commission that it is the desire of the voters of this town that an apportionment of State Highway be granted, if possible between Nutt Graflon, and Grafton Center.
The Chair appointed William E Fowler and Hon John E McClellan to serve on the Committee.

Art. 11th Voted, on motion of Henry A. Campbell.
That the Selectmen be requested to confer with the Farwell Estate as to the conditions and possible removal of the watering trough to the opposite side of the Road.

Art. 12th. Motion presented by John B Scott as follows: That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate the subject of the best and cheapest method of lighting the streets and municipal buildings of the town, and report at the next adjournment of this meeting."
Amended by inserting the word Electric, was adopted. After quite a lengthy discussion it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to amend the motion to insert the word Electric

The motion was put to vote and declared carried, and doubted, a standing vote was then taken with Edward A. Estabrook and Charles J. Wilder, as Tellers. 38 voted yes. and 12 no and the motion as made by John B. Scott was declared carried.

The Chair appointed as the committee, William J. Maxwell. Stearns L. Davenport. and John B. Scott.

On motion of A. A. Simmons it was Voted, That the vote present appretiate the services, as Moderator, in this meeting of Seyman M. Rice, Esq.. and thank him for the fidelity to duty and consideration of the interest of this town, which, prevailing over his personal wishes and privat grief, caused him to preside here to-day, while the body of his aged father, Ashley W. Rice, for many years an esteemed and honored citizen of this town availed burial, moved by same Scott that this motion be entered in the records of this meeting
Voted in the affirmative by unanimous rising vote
Voted that we this meeting be adjourned to Saturday April 8th 1905 at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest-
Edwin A. Hoar
Town Clerk

Grafton March

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made,

Forest-Fire Wards

Henry Stockwell- Edwin P. Goddard David S. Fiske
John A. Brown. Seyman M. Rice- Cyrus L. Axtell.
Harry G. Stowe. George H. Smith- Sumner F. Leonard

Superintendent of Streets.
John E. Sheridan.
Sworn March 1905-by Town Clerk

Keeper of Lock-up.
James Carney
Sworn March 14/05-by Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights and measures.
Samuel E. Leeland
Sworn March 16/05-by Town Clerk.

Inspector of Animals and provisions.
Perley Goddard
Sworn Mar 14/05-by Town Clerk

Agent for State Aid and burial of Indigent-Soldiers
Edwin A Cove,

Undertakers
Benjamin F. Gibson A. G. Getchell & Son
J. Frank Donahue

Registrar of Voters
Benjamin F Gibson
Sworn Sept: 12 1905-by Town Clerk

Public Weighers

Fred A. Dodge, Sworn March 30, 1905 by Town Clerk
Sloane L. Davenport, " " 16, 1905 " "
Frank H. Prentice, " "
Henry Mann, " " April 3, 1905 by Town Clerk
Albert L. Fisher,
John E. McClellan,
Ralph Nichols Sworn March 31, 1905 by Town Clerk
Cornelius Sullivan,
Edward O. Lindley Sworn June 8th 1905 by Town Clerk
Chas F. Kempton
Napoleon Tebo.
Austin B. Kempton
George Harlnees
Herbert Goddard, Sworn March 16, 1905 by Town Clerk

Grafton April 3rd 1905.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen, held this day the following appointments were made.

Special Police Officer
Charles A. Brown.

Fire Engineers.
George H. Hutchins — Amos G. Getchel
Solon F. Smith — Henry Mann
Charles Howard

Adjourned Town Meeting

Grafton April 8th 1905.

Pursuant to adjournment from March 11th last the Inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall on Saturday this eleventh day of April 1905, at 2. o'clock P.M., the following business was transacted

The meeting was called to order at 2.10 o'clock P.M. by Leyman M. Rice Moderator,

The reading of the records of the last meeting was passed over by General consent,

Art. 10. taken up.

The Committee appointed by the Town at its meeting held March 11th 1905 to confer with the State Highway Commission in regard to rebuilding the Wheeler Bridge, so called, submitted a verbal report through its Chairman, Hon. Geo. K. Nichols. That the Committee met the Commission at Boston, and also at the Bridge Mr Parker of the Commission and the State Engineer who after careful examination of the bridge decided that under no condition would the Highway Commission accept of the present bridge in connection with the extention of the State Highway provided for in plans on file at the office of the Commission but would join the town in building a new bridge, and would cause a plan to be made showing what the commission would do, which plan in Blue Print is submitted by your committee, with an extract from letter from Commission, appended which is as follows,

"The engineers estimate that the total cost of the bridge should be about $4,000.00 of which $1000.00 would fairly represent the portion which the Street railway company should pay for. This estimate

should be considered as only approximate but it is probably large enough to include the cost of removing the present bridge.

The Commissioners wish me to add that if the bridge is built in accordance with the plan submitted, it will be acceptable to the Board in the event of the laying out of the highway at some future time as a State highway"

The Committee recommended that the Town accept the proposition made by the Commission and offered the following motion. That the Selectmen be instructed to take immediate steps to arrange with the Highway Commission for the carrying out of their proposal as shown in plan submitted, and it was voted in the affirmative.

On motion of Com. George K. Nichols it was Voted. That we raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Fifteen hundred (1500) Dollars to be at the disposal of the Board of Selectmen to be used in rebuilding the Wheeler Bridge so called in connection with the State Highway Commission"

Art 12 taken up.

The Committee appointed at the meeting March 11th last reported through John B. Scott Esq. in regard to Municipal Lighting. The report will be found on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

On motion of John Smith it was

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following motion was offered by Com. Geo. K. Nichols "That the matter of a contract with the Grafton Electric Company for lighting the streets by electric ilg for a term not exceeding ten years at a price not exceeding $13.00 per light be referred to the Selectmen with full powers, and with authority to execute on behalf of the town such contract as in their judgment will properly

protect and be for the town's best interest.

David L. Fiske moved to substitute the following motion. That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Grafton Electric Lighting Co. for one year at a price not to exceed 12 Dollr. per light together with discounting 50 per ct for what light is used in Town Hall Building for town purposes, to be guaranteed 25 candle power, and that in case no such contract can be made to contract with the Automatic Incandescent Lighting Co for 1 yr.

Fred A Dodge asked that the sense of the meeting be taken to see whether the Town was in favor of a long or short term contract which was done. The selectmen were very nearly unanimous for a Short term.

A vote was taken substituting Mr Fiske's motion for Mr Nichols and declared carried, the vote being doubted. a standing vote was taken.

S. L. Davenport and Perley Goddard were appointed Tellers. 36 voted yes and 19 no. and declared in the affirmative. and the motion of Mr Fiske was substituted.

The motion offered by David L. Fiske was then put to vote and declared carried. the vote was doubted. and a rising vote taken with the same Tellers. 36 voting yes and 6 no. and the vote declared carried

Art. 3 taken up.

On motion of John E. McClellan it was Voted, That we raise and appropriate two thousand six hundred and twenty eight Dollars for Street Lights the ensuing yeer.

On motion Voted, That we appropriate Eleven

hundred nineteen 4/100 dollars for the repair of Highways. this in addition to $3,000 already appropiated, this money being now in the Treasury, being money receeived from the Street-Railway Co. And of this money Four hundred (400) dollars shall be expended to permanently improve North Street, commencing at the Railroad Crossing.

On Motion of Perley Goddard it was Voted, That the Board of Assessors have copies of the Valuation printed for distribution.

Art. 12 taken up.

The following motion was made by Clarence R Pratt.

"That in the event of the Selectmen making a contract with the Grafton Electric Co as voted under Article 12 that they be instructed and ordered to purchase the four lamps installed by the Automatic Incandescent Light Co, that they be placed upon Grafton Common & the incandescent Electric lamps now installed be transfered & placed upon the road leading from the foot of Worcester St; to No. Grafton."

On Motion it was voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co

Permit.

In Board of Selectmen

Grafton, Massachusetts April 13, 190

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit; alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen;

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

(Village of North Grafton)

Main Street from end of present line at Ray Street to Ray Street; Ray Street from Main Street to Grafton and Upton Railroad.

Poles to be painted

Signatures of Selectmen William J. Maxwell
John E McClellan
Edward A. Estabrook
Sumner F. Leonard

I hereby certify that Tuesday April 11. 1905 at 4 o'clock P. M. at the Selectmen's Room Town House Groton a public hearing was held on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for permission to erect poles and other fixtures designated in the specification hereby endorsed and that I mailed at least this days before said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said Company under said specification.

Edwin A Howe Town Clerk.

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Groton April 12. 1905 Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
May 15th 1905

Warrant.

Worcester. S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 15th day of May 1905: at 8 o'clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st- To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Mass. Highway Commission for State Highway, under Section 10. Chapter 47. Revised Laws, or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Sixth "6" day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

William J. Maxwell
Sumner F. Leonard
John E. McClellan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, S.S. Grafton May 8th A.D. 1905.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post-Office in Grafton, North-Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville, and Saundersville on Monday the eighth-day of May current-at-1-30 P.M. being seven days at least-before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and the Officers return thereon.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 15th 1905.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal Voters of the Town met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 8 o'clock P.M. on the above date, and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by Layman M. Rice Moderator.

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1st taken up and on motion of Hon John E. McClellan it was Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Mass. Highway Commission for State Highway.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.
Permit
To Board of Selectmen
Grafton Massachusetts July 5, 1905.

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said Company may deem requisite, in the street and highway of said town as hereinafter designated. All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit alteration shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the Board of Selectmen. Following are the street and highway above refered to.

Creeper Hill Road, from the present line to the premises of Boston Ice Co. Poles to be located by S. F. Leonard.

Address Grafton, Also to move poles on same Street.

William J. Maxwell, John E. McClellan, Selectmen
Raphael J. Lapierre, Sumner F. Leonard, Grafton

I hereby certify that on July 5th 1905 at 7-30 o'clock P. M., at Selectmens Room Town House a public hearing was held on the Petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to erect the poles and other fixtures designated in the specification hereby endorsed and that I mailed at least three days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of Real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment of taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said Company under said specifications

Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk.

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